



HILL TOP WORK FINALLY STARTS

BY CHARLOTTE CALLEAR

WORK has finally begun to tackle potholes at Hill Top in Hednesford as part of a £35 million plan to improve roads in Staffordshire.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling visited the A460 at Hill Top where work started this week and posted on Facebook that it is 'long overdue'.

Staffordshire County Council is resurfacing the carriageway at the islands that serve Hill Street, Uxbridge Street, East Cannock Road and Stafford Lane. It is expected to take four weeks to complete, and drivers have been warned that there will be disruption because of the work. Ms Milling posted on Facebook: "This work is long overdue and has come after what feels like years of campaigning!"

The work follows the Chronicle's Top of the Pots campaign which was launched earlier this year to draw attention to the poor condition of Staffordshire's roads.

The paper was inundated with emails, reports and pictures of some shocking holes endured by drivers on a daily basis.

Busy

Based on the number of reports and pictures submitted by readers, the Chronicle compiled a top 10 of the worst roads for potholes, with Staffordshire taking six of the top 10 spots – including Hill Top at Hednesford.

Readers' pictures showed a succession of potholes all around the busy islands and the approach roads. Paul Gill sent us one picture where fresh road markings had been painted over the potholes with a large dip in one line as it sank into a hole. Carlisle Road on the Longford Estate in Cannock was flagged up by locals and a number of pictures submitted. Resident Sandra McLeod said: "The whole length of the road is riddled with bad potholes."

Five Ways Island in Heath Hayes was highlighted as having 38 separate outstanding complaints about the state of the road surface.

Hill Top is one of five main routes closed this summer to undergo the vital work and is expected to be closed until August 11. Other main routes that will undergo resurfacing include Five Ways Island in Heath Hayes which is expected to take five weeks from August 21.

The multi-million pound county project was announced in early July to improve road safety, boost cycling, upgrade access to railway stations and, in particular, tackle potholes along



Staffordshire County Council is resurfacing the carriageway at Hill Top in Hednesford



MP Amanda Milling at Hill Top where work started this week



Drivers have been warned of delays Pictures: Paul Woodhead

the road network around Staffordshire. It has been a tense wait since December, when the Government pledged a boost in funding to the West Midlands region to tackle the problem.

Staffordshire County Council received the most, with £1.6m for 2017-18. Potholes are such a severe problem in the area that Stafford-

shire County Council paid out nearly £350,000 in four years in compensation costs to motorists whose cars have been damaged by them.

The highest payout reached just over £4,500 to a driver whose car was badly damaged by a pothole at the junction of Somerset Road and Kent Road in Stafford.

Councillor Paul Woodhead, who represents the Hednesford South ward on the district council, said: "It is fantastic we are finally getting it done. From what we see, they are doing a full and extensive job, which means we have two islands that will serve the community and improve the safety."

POLICE

IPCC is investigating stalker in death case

A STAFFORDSHIRE Police boss has said the case of Rugeley stalker Nicholas Allen has been referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC).

Prosecutors brought a charge of unlawful killing against Allen after an inquiry into Justene Reece's suicide found he had bombarded her with abusive voicemails, texts and Facebook messages.

Assistant Chief Constable Emma Barnett said: "We want to ensure we provide the best service to victims in the future and have referred this matter to the IPCC."

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COMMUNITY

Safety fears over condition of pitch

THE state of a football pitch used by community clubs has been criticised as the start of a new season nears.

Paul Snape, Conservative leader on Cannock Chase Council, visited Cannock Park at the request of teams upset by the condition of the main pitch.

The councillor said: "I was in company with a qualified referee, who stated that the pitch in this condition is unplayable and potentially dangerous."

CEMETERY

This could be last visit – war widow

A WAR widow made what she says could be her last trip to her husband's grave.

Wiltrud Kraft, 97, who lives in Bavaria, joined relatives and teenagers from Staffordshire and Germany for a service to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the German Military Cemetery on Cannock Chase. Her husband Ignaz was a German pilot who died when he was shot down over Kent in 1941.

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Jailed surgeon 'still a risk' is struck off



Ian Paterson - 'harmful'

A SURGEON jailed for carrying out unnecessary breast operations on 10 patients has been struck off.

The actions of Ian Paterson, 59, were 'serious' and 'intentionally harmful' over a period of 14 years and 'fundamentally incompatible' with the medical professional, a tribunal has ruled.

His failure to acknowledge any of his faults showed a lack of insight that indicated he still posed a serious risk to patients, the medical practitioners tribunal also concluded.

Paterson was sentenced in May to 15 years in prison after he was convicted

by a jury of offences of wounding with intent and unlawful wounding against the 10 patients. Among his victims were Frances Perks, from Burntwood, and Leanne Joseph from Cheslyn Hay.

His trial at Nottingham Crown Court heard harrowing evidence from the nine women and one man who were treated in the private sector between 1997 and 2011 at Little Aston and Parkway hospitals in the West Midlands.

Paterson did not attend the disciplinary hearing in Manchester and was not legally represented, although he was made aware of the proceedings by

post to HMP Nottingham. The tribunal heard that Paterson did not oppose the proceedings and had expressed a wish to be struck off without the need for a hearing.

Announcing the consultant surgeon's erasure, tribunal chairwoman Valerie Paterson said: "Mr Paterson's actions were serious, intentionally harmful and took place over a protracted period of time.

"He deceived patients, and fellow professionals, by communicating that the patients were at risk of cancer and needed to undergo procedures."

How holiday snaps captured fraudster

IT was meant to celebrate her 20th wedding anniversary but a holiday in the Maldives marked the downfall of fraudster Linda Hoey.

Pictures of her snorkelling off the sun-kissed Indian Ocean atoll illustrated the lie she had been living while pocketing almost £81,000 in disability benefits and free travel on the M6 Toll by exaggerating her mobility and care needs.

The mother of four, who claimed to be barely able to walk and unable to stretch above shoulder height, appeared in other photographs lazing in a hammock with her arms above her head and dressed in wet weather gear and boots ready for a country ramble.

The telltale snaps were found on computers seized when police swooped on her home following a Department of Work and Pensions investigation.

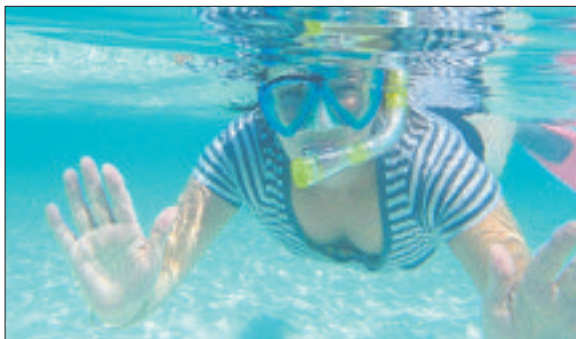
Arrest

Inquiries revealed twice married 58-year-old Hoey was a member of a gym, went swimming and had booked hour-long badminton sessions on a court near her home.

Hoey gave 'no comment' answers when interviewed following her arrest on February 24 last year but months later - after discovering police had not checked the downstairs cloakroom - claimed it had a raised toilet seat which could be moved to the en suite upstairs at night.

Ex-colleagues at PartsWorld, where she worked in the administration department for 17 years until leaving in 2014, said she often carried trays of hot drinks up the spiral staircase and arrived with bags of shopping at their office in Orbital Way, Cannock.

She regularly used the M6 Toll Road to get to and from work and was allowed to travel free. The defendant was the PA to managing



Hoey pictured snorkelling during a holiday in the Maldives



Hoey pocketed almost £81,000

director Stewart Halstead, who said he did not know she had a long-term health problem and had never seen her with a walking stick. An assistant at Kings Bromley Marina - where she and second husband Mike moored a narrowboat - said she had seen her walk unassisted for about 200 metres.

Hoey, who was of previous good character, has two children from each of her marriages and filled in her first form claiming Disability Living



Captured on another holiday activity

Allowance in 1995. The DWP investigation revealed her mobility had improved and she had been working full-time since 1997 - a fact not revealed on any form she completed.

Her husband became her official carer after he gave up his job to launch a business from home, the jury at Stafford Crown Court heard.

The couple enjoyed a holiday in Egypt in 2012 and the following year decided to celebrate their wedding



Linda Hoey with her walking stick

anniversary in the Maldives. Hoey, of Talland Avenue, Amington, Tamworth, had a photograph taken while snorkelling. She was found guilty of fraudulently misrepresenting her benefit claim and misusing an exemption pass for the M6 Toll.

She was convicted of both offences and was warned to expect to be jailed.

Sentence was adjourned for reports to a date to be fixed and she was given bail until then.

Postcode lottery on how long you'll live

LONG-TERM unemployment, rates of diabetes, proportions of obese children and life expectancy - when it comes to your health in Staffordshire and the West Midlands, it is a lottery depending on where you live.

Live in Dudley and you are likely to be among the 53.5 per cent of people who are physically inactive. Reside in Wolverhampton and Sandwell and you are twice as likely as to be unemployed long-term than those in Staffordshire.

Meanwhile, if you live in Walsall, you are more likely to have diabetes than anywhere else in the Black Country.

The information comes from health profiles for each area published by Public Health England, which has come up with local priorities for each area.

In Staffordshire, long-term unemployment is below the national average, as is the number of children in low-income families, and violent crime.

But the county council has been tasked with reducing childhood obesity and smoking in pregnancy. Councillor Alan White, cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing, said: "We want to continue to work with the NHS, district and borough councils and communities themselves, to ensure that people across the whole of the county have an opportunity to lead healthy, active and independent lives for as long as possible."

Games medal hero Kristian ties knot

OLYMPIC superstar Kristian Thomas has tied the knot with his long-time partner Gemma Reid.

The Wolverhampton-born gymnast, who famously won a team bronze at the 2012 London Olympics, took to social media to celebrate the couple's happy day, with fans sending congratulatory messages in response.

The 28-year-old posted a photograph of himself and Gemma, who have been together since they were at school, cutting their wedding cake on Twitter, before sharing another photograph of the two as they looked forward to their honeymoon.

Kristian, who is originally from Wednesfield, now lives in Wimblebury and trains at the Earls Gym in Halesowen.

Tea party raises £1k

A TEA party at St John's Church, Sitting Mill, raised £1,130 for church funds. The chairman of Cannock Chase Council, Alan Dudson, attended the event. Reena McCourt won the prize for the Minister's Trifle and Emma Powell won the Wine & Roses competition.

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Anglers are fined after fishing with no licence

A RUGELEY man was among five anglers fined for fishing without a licence following prosecutions by the Environment Agency.

Stuart Mitchell, aged 52, of Hill-springs Court, was caught fishing in the River Trent at Rugeley on March 8. He was fined £660 and ordered to pay costs of £127 and a victim surcharge of £66. As he did not attend court, the case against him was proven in his absence.

The other four anglers who were fined by North Staffordshire magistrates were Paul Beckett, of St James Green in Cotes Hill, Stafford; Dominic Reese, of Essex Drive, Kidsgrove; John Hope, 27, of Moreton Street, Stoke-on-Trent; and Chris Mitchell, 33, of Crossley Avenue, Wigan.

Andrew Eardley of the Environment Agency said: "There continues to be a small number of anglers who fail to buy a fishing licence.

"These few are cheating their fellow anglers and the future of the sport.

"An annual licence costs from just £30. It seems ridiculous that anglers risk significant fines and costs, a criminal conviction and the loss of their fishing equipment for such a small fee," Mr Eardley added.

Anyone witnessing illegal fishing can report it to the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60. Information can also be reported anonymously to CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

Village faces 500 HS2 lorries a day

MORE than 500 lorries will pass through one village every day during the construction of HS2.

The company building the high-speed railway said most of the construction HGVs will be travelling from the A51 and turning onto the A525 at Woore, near Market Drayton.

Meanwhile, thousands of lorries will pass through Staffordshire every day, with a stretch of the A515 near Lichfield seeing hourly lorry journeys increase from nine to 92.

Eastbound construction lorries on the A513 Beaconside in Stafford at peak times will increase from 40 to 170. Construction lorries on the M6 will also increase by 14.9 per cent. HS2 will cost £55.7bn and cut through 45 miles of Staffordshire countryside.

Men to hold AGM

MEN of Burntwood's meeting this month is the AGM at St Matthews Sports and Social club on Wednesday, August 9, at 7.45pm. All members are invited to attend, and a light buffet will be served. Call 01543 682448.

New classes will help parents-to-be



Hazel Davies – informative classes

A NEW course for parents-to-be is being launched in Burntwood.

Hazel Davies, a Burntwood mother of three and Federation of Antenatal Educators (FEDANT) qualified teacher, is aiming to offer affordable and informative antenatal classes, to fill the gap left by health visitor cut-backs to antenatal support.

"After the cuts, the only options left were so expensive that they were out of reach to many women that I spoke to," said Hazel.

"I created Bump to Baby Antenatal to help answer the questions that

many of us have before and after giving birth for the first time. And all at an affordable price, in a relaxed, welcoming environment."

Each class, which covers everything from labour to relaxation techniques, and birth to early days, is hosted by the Spark community group in Burntwood on the first Tuesday evening in every month. The course lasts for four weeks, with a postnatal reunion session, and numbers are strictly limited.

"I believe in arming women and their partners with the facts and the most up-to-date information to em-

power them to make decisions about their birth experiences," Hazel added.

Spark has been hosting informal monthly 'meet-ups' for prospective parents since January but there has been demand for a taught course.

Esther Allen, director of Spark, said: "Hazel is known to many local mums through her volunteering at the Baby Bistro breastfeeding group and Bumps group. It's great she is now offering this additional service for parents-to-be in Burntwood."

For more information, visit <http://bumpstobabyantenatal.co.uk>

'Check in advance' plea on Chase Line closures

PASSENGERS using the Chase Line are being reminded to check before they travel while Network Rail continues with its electrification work.

Bosses will close parts of the route, which links Rugeley Trent Valley with Birmingham New Street, for 16 days this month.

The £100 million-plus project forms part of the Railway Upgrade Plan.

From Sunday, August 13 until Monday, August 21, buses will replace trains between Rugeley Trent Valley and Tame Bridge Parkway with an amended timetable.

From Tuesday, August 22 until Monday, August 28, buses will replace trains between Rugeley Trent Valley and Walsall, again with an amended timetable.

Work which will be carried out on the Chase Line includes:

- Replacing and realigning the track at various locations between Rugeley Trent Valley and Walsall.

- Platform work at Cannock, Landywood and Bloxwich stations.

- Temporary closure of Bloxwich level crossing and Landywood and Stonefields footpath crossings.

- Piling to install remaining foundations for stanchions, and installation of stanchions and gantries ahead of overhead lines being installed in 2018.

Martin Tiller, Network Rail's project sponsor, said: "Unfortunately, these upgrades cannot be done while trains are running, so we have to close the line between Walsall and Rugeley Trent Valley for 16 days in August.

"The work has been carefully planned with London Midland to get the maximum amount completed whilst causing the least disruption. "I would like to thank passengers for their patience while we carry out these upgrades to deliver a better railway."

London Midland route manager Rob Hornsey said: "We would much sooner be running trains than buses in August but it will be worth it when we can run more frequent, cleaner, quieter and quicker trains to carry more people when the work is done."



Atlas with Pc Steve Thomas and Donnachie and Townley head veterinary nurse Jo Waldron on his return to the practice for his six-week check-up

Canine copper fighting fit again

HE is more used to bringing suspect criminals to heel, but Atlas, a Staffordshire police dog, has now had his own collar felt – by vets in Rugeley.

The three-and-a-half-year-old Belgium Malinois was treated by Donnachie and Townley Veterinary Surgeons in Market Street after he broke his right wrist in an off-duty accident.

After a six-week convalescence period, he returned to the practice and was declared fit for active service, much to the delight of police dog instructor Pc Steve Thomas.

Atlas has now returned to his general police dog duties, which include providing support for firearms officers.

Donnachie and Townley are the vets of choice for Staffordshire Police in the south of the county and attend to the medical needs of about half the force's 20-plus canine coppers, including emergency care.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Theft alert issued to horse owners

HORSE and pony owners have been urged to stay alert amid fears their animals could be targeted by thieves.

A grey Toyota Hilux 4x4 has been seen being driven around Featherstone and Sharnhall. Residents have reported the car pulling onto a driveway and parking there – but those inside did not leave the vehicle.

A police spokesman said: "There are a number of horses and ponies in the area, and residents are concerned they are being watched with a view to stealing them".

Anyone with any information should ring police on 101 and quote log 208 of July 28.

First-time buyers face 'tough' ordeal

MANY young, single first-time buyers are finding it 'really tough' to obtain a mortgage, a Cannock-based finance company has warned.

The number of first-time buyers under the age of 25 has more than halved since 1995, while the first-time contingent among 35 to 44-year-olds has nearly doubled in the same period.

The change has been attributed to rising house prices and more people going into further education. "For the young and single, the current market is really tough to access," Matthew Pennell, of Choice Finance, said.

Youngsters are set reading challenge

YOUNGSTERS in Staffordshire have been invited to take on a reading challenge over the summer holidays.

Their mission is to borrow and read six fiction books from libraries in the county before September 11.

Bookworms can pick up a special bookmark from their local library which they need to get stamped every time they return a book.

Once they have read the six books, they will be entered into a prize draw.

Staffordshire libraries chief Councillor Gill Heath said: "This is a great scheme."

Site manager has his eye on quality award

PETE Jones of Chasetown-based Cameron Homes Ltd has been honoured for his dedication to building properties of exceptional quality in the first round of the NHBC Pride in the Job Awards for his site in Walsall.

About 450 site managers have been recognised for their work and will go on to compete for a Seal of Excellence and Regional Awards in their category, with the Supreme Award Winners announced in January.

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COUNTY NEWS

Four in five happy with rail journey

MORE than four in five rail passengers in the West Midlands are satisfied with their journeys, according to a new survey.

Some 92 per cent of users said they were satisfied with Virgin Trains' service and 84 per cent with London Midland - slightly higher than the national average.

Overall 83 per cent of people were satisfied with their last train journey according to Transport Focus' spring survey of 27,000 passengers.

This is an increase of three per cent compared with the same period last year and is the joint-highest figure since autumn 2012.

More students are proving first class

UNIVERSITIES across the West Midlands have seen a rise in the number of students gaining first class degrees.

Data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency found that the University of Wolverhampton has seen the biggest rise in figures.

In 2010/11, 10.3 per cent of students gained first class honours and that has now risen 13.8 per cent in 2015/16, with 24 per cent of students making the grade.

Across the UK the proportion of first class degrees being handed out has soared, with a third of institutions now grading at least one in four with a top honour.

Snap to it and join photo challenge

YOUNG people are being urged to get snapping during the school holidays and enter their photos into the RSPCA's Young Photographer Awards.

Entries can depict a bug, a bird or a big, beautiful mammal, as photos of any kinds of wildlife and animals are welcome.

For the first time there will be a prize given for the best photograph taken on a mobile phone. The deadline for entries is 4pm on August 18. Go to www.rspca.org.uk/ypa/17

Authority has new director of finance

THE latest key appointment to its executive top tier has been announced by West Midlands Combined Authority.

Sean Pearce was named as director of finance for the authority, joining a team led by £187,000-a-year chief executive Deborah Cadman. Mr Pearce was chief financial officer at Worcestershire County Council for six years. He will start in the autumn.

Strictly stars to put on charity show

STARS from Strictly Come Dancing will take to the stage on Saturday, September 9 at the Premier Suite in Cannock.

The one-off show of song and dance will raise funds for the Dot Com Children's Foundation charity.

Ian Waite will partner Erin Boag, and Kristina Rihanoff will partner Tristan Macmanus for a series of dances with all four taking to the floor

for a rousing 'jive' finale. Also taking part is Great Britain's multi-award winning junior ballroom and Latin dance champions Madison Ingoldby and her partner Korey Andrews.

The songs will be delivered by former X Factor finalist Christopher Maloney with former radio presenter Paul Burrell as the event's MC for the evening.

Dot Com Children's Foundation is

a recommended personal, social and health education (PSHE) resource supported by the Home Office.

Talk

It is a 'safeguarding tool' to raise awareness and keep pupils safe from the dangers of abuse, sexual exploitation, radicalisation and extremism.

It also promotes children's rights and fundamental British values. Kristina Rihanoff, patron of the charity, said: "Dance lessons were where I felt safe."

"I want children growing up now to know that if there are problems at home, there is something that can be done and to encourage them to talk about it."

The event starts at 6.30pm for 7pm dinner until midnight.

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Stalker is jailed for ex-partner's suicide

By Simon Stone

A STALKER who drove his ex-partner to take her own life has been jailed for 10 years after admitting manslaughter.

Nicholas Allen, aged 47, from Rugeley, had bombarded Justene Reece with abusive voicemails, texts and Facebook messages.

In what is believed to be a legal first, prosecutors brought a charge of unlawful killing after an inquiry into the suicide.

Stafford Crown Court was told the 46-year-old victim was found hanged at her home in February after leaving a note saying she had 'run out of fight' following six months of threats.

Allen, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty at a previous hearing to manslaughter, coercive behaviour and stalking, accepting his abuse led to her death.

The court heard Ms Reece set up home with Allen in Stoke-on-Trent and Stafford after they met at a scooter club in 2015 but within months he became obsessive and controlling. In 2016, Ms Reece left to live at a women's shelter, prompting him to stalk five people close to her in a bid to track her down.

After learning of his ex-partner's suicide at a property in Stafford, Allen conducted an internet search to establish whether he could be held legally responsible for the death.

Imposing a 15-year extended sentence, which includes an extra five-year period on licence, the Recorder of Stafford, Judge Michael Chambers QC, said Allen's 'disturbing' conduct had been truly appalling.



Nicholas Allen



Justene Reece

Dozens flock to hunt for missing bird



Searching for Charlie the missing macaw are Samantha Smith and her mother, Charlie's owner Angie Rothery

MORE than a dozen people flocked together to hunt for a missing bird in Walsall.

The group was on the search for a macaw which went missing in Walsall on July 7.

The bird, named Charlie, escaped through owners Angie and Adrian Rothery's back door at their Rushall home.

After the couple put out a request for help, people turned out for the search, which began on Asda car park, Bloxwich.

Charlie, was spotted, but took flight again before he could be reunited with his owners.

Adrian said: "It was a brilliant turnout

and I thank everyone who came along. Angie did spot him, but I'm afraid he flew away and we're still looking for him."

The couple already have a £1,000 reward out for the bird, which they believe is living off wild berries and fruit from people's back gardens.

The blue and gold macaw used to go on holiday with its owners, including to the likes of St Tropez and Cornwall.

The two-year-old was bought by 55-year-old Angie from the Hollybush Garden Centre at Shreshill. He can say 'stop it', 'do you want this' and 'hello'.

Anyone who spots the bird is asked to call Angie on 07771 890720.



The missing macaw

Community group is praised in Commons

A COMMUNITY group in Hednesford has been praised in the Commons for its 'passion and dedication' in helping to spruce up the town.

Heart of Hednesford was set up in 2013 by local people with the aim of making the area a better place to live, work, shop and visit.

Now, Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling has praised the group in Parliament, in particular for adopting Hednesford railway station and creating flower displays on the platforms.

"They have definitely brought some colour to the station platforms," she said. "I would like to congratulate the passion and dedication shown by everyone involved in the group."

"The improvements across Hednesford are driven by local residents, and much of the work, from litter picking to flower planting, is done by volunteers. They deserve a huge amount of praise for the time that they devote to their local community."

"The size of the task doesn't daunt them, and the latest project to adopt a whole train station shows just how much energy and drive they have to make Hednesford a better place."

Andrea Leadsom, leader of the House of Commons, joined Ms Milling in congratulating the group in the Parliamentary debate.

Meanwhile, Ms Milling has encouraged local charities to apply for a share of £3 million funding from the People's Postcode Lottery 'to bring their dream project to life'.

Applications for the Dream Fund are open until August 22. Winners will be announced in January, 2018.

£60k resurfacing work on busy road

ABOUT £60,000 is to be spent on improving one of Cannock's busiest roads. Park Road, which runs next to the town centre bus station and leads to Ringway, will be resurfaced, and damaged kerbs will be replaced.

Businesses have been assured access to their premises will be available throughout the works, although it may be restricted at certain times. The scheme is estimated to take place over two consecutive Sunday nights in August to minimise disruption.

Other work being carried out in Cannock Chase over the coming months include resurfacing at the roundabout at Hill Top, Hednesford, in a four-week programme costing £220,000. Work on the notoriously bad Five Ways Island in Heath Hayes will start on August 21.

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Plea to be tougher on violent offenders

TOUGHER prison sentences need to be handed to violent criminals to deter offenders, says Police & Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis.

The call was made after figures showed crime in Staffordshire had rocketed in by 14 per cent and knife crime by 32 per cent over the last year.

Mr Ellis said the law needed to change so that all violent acts with weapons – including acid – were dealt with in the same way. But he warned that police forces ‘can’t arrest their way out’ of the growing trend in knives being carried on the streets.

“The criminal justice system needs to be toughened up,” Mr Ellis said.

“We have seen a rising number of acid attacks nationally and I think we need to be tougher on all acts of violence, whether that is an offensive weapon or acid.

“These people need to understand what they have done and be locked away longer than they are.”

Between April 2016 and March this year there were 674 knife offences in Staffordshire last year – up from 362 in 2010/11.

“The knife figures trouble me most,” Mr Ellis added.

“The police can’t arrest their way out of this problem. I really want to understand what is behind this rise.

“What I am clear about is that there is absolutely no excuse for carrying and using weapons.”

Deputy leader leaves cabinet

THE deputy leader of Staffordshire County Council has stepped down from the cabinet after seven years, to take up a new role with the London-based Centre for Public Scrutiny.

Ian Parry will remain as a county councillor for Stone Rural after he takes up his new role.

He said: “It has been a huge privilege to serve on a cabinet committed to making Staffordshire a better place for everyone who lives and works in this fantastic county.”

Councillor Philip Atkins, leader of the county council, said: “While both I and our colleagues are sorry to see Ian step down, I am pleased the county and the council will continue to value and benefit from his experience as a county councillor.”

Walk from Bridges

CHASE Ramblers are going on an eight-mile moderate/strenuous walk from Bridges, Shropshire, on Sunday. The meeting point is Hednesford railway station for a 9am departure. Call 07954 170369. New walkers welcome.

No-show Tory is thrown off council



Joanne Christian

A DISTRICT councillor has been kicked off the authority after failing to attend a single meeting in six months – but she will not have to pay back nearly £3,000 worth of taxpayers’ money she accrued in allowances.

Joanne Christian has served the Hednesford South ward on Cannock Chase Council since she was elected in May 2015.

But the last time the Conservative member attended a meeting was in mid-January and she has missed six public meetings since then, including five meetings of the full council.

George Adamson, leader of the Labour-controlled council, confirmed that Ms

Christian had now been removed from her seat. He said: “She has not attended any meetings in six months, so she has been kicked off, as is the council’s policy.

“But of course she has had allowances for that period. Obviously in exceptional circumstances, such as ill health, we can grant an extension but we have not received any reports from her or the Conservatives about anything like that so I assume she just hasn’t got around to attending.”

Ms Christian served on the economic development and town centre scrutiny committee as well as the standards committee although did not receive any additional al-

lowances for those roles. She was entitled to a basic allowance of £5,339 and a further £400 ‘communications allowance’ a year.

The council confirmed she would have received around half of that – £2,900 – during the last six months.

A spokesman said: “Councillor Christian continued to be paid these allowances during the six months period as these allowances are paid to councillors to support them in carrying out the various aspects of their roles.”

The Chronicle tried to contact Ms Christian for a comment on the matter but she was unavailable.

Action call over ‘in your face’ aggressive cyclists

COUNCILLORS and residents have called for police to take action over problem cyclists in Cannock.

According to Councillor Maureen Freeman and resident Gordon Taylor, 80, of Westbourne Avenue, groups of youngsters are intimidating shoppers in the town centre, with calls made to increase police patrols in the area.

Councillor Freeman wants to see targeted police patrols, while Mr Taylor spoke of his fears that the cyclists could hurt someone.

Councillor Freeman said: “I have been aware of these issues with cyclists in the town centre for a number of weeks, and while I have asked for it to be looked into, nothing has been done yet. It is understandable that residents would be concerned – they are going round at high speeds. As much as I don’t like to say it, from experience this kind of thing will only get worse over the summer holidays.

“It would be nice to just see a little bit of a police presence in the town centre to reassure the community and maybe catch some of the culprits in the act.”

Aggressive

Mr Taylor said he felt it was ‘only a matter of time’ before somebody was hurt. He said: “Something needs to be done, they are intimidating to elderly people, and I feel it is only a matter of time before somebody is hurt.

“It is aggressive and in your face, so they know what they are doing. I would like to see a bit more of a police presence in the town centre but you rarely see an officer at all.”

According to councillor Freeman, motorists driving through the pedestrianised area by Church Street is also an issue at the moment.

She said: “Again, it comes back to the issue of needing some sort of police presence.”

Staffordshire Police spokesperson Mike Chipcase said: “There are no immediate plans to increase the level of policing within the town centre in Cannock. However, we do have dedicated staff who cover the town centre and we will continue to work with local businesses and partners to address these matters where possible. We will of course review staffing based upon any threat and risk.”

Blood donors rewarded for loyalty



Front, from left, Lorraine Matheson from Burntwood, Ann Atack from Rugeley, Carole Howard from Hednesford, with, back from left, Bob Thompson from Norton Canes, Vincent Smyth from Rugeley and Stephen Bishop from Cannock

SIX blood donors who have potentially saved more than 1,800 lives have been recognised for their loyalty and commitment.

The donors, who had collectively made 617 donations, were honoured for their lifesaving efforts with commemorative medals at an NHS Blood and Transplant ceremony at Aldridge.

They joined 23 other blood do-

nors from across the West Midlands, all of whom had donated on at least 100 occasions.

Carole Howard, aged 70, who is retired and from Hednesford, has been giving blood for 52 years after volunteering with St John Ambulance and helping at sessions serving teas to the donors.

She said: “Having worked as a registered nurse I would see how

important it is for the NHS to have a constant supply of blood.”

Bob Thompson, 70, a retired vehicle inspector from Norton Canes, has been giving blood since he was 18. He said: “The more we can give, the better for everyone.”

Karen Healy, senior marketing coordinator at NHS Blood and Transplant, said: “These donors are an inspiration to us all.”

NEWS IN BRIEF

Restaurant loses its alcohol licence

A RESTAURANT in Rugeley which hired illegal immigrants has been hit with an alcohol ban.

Bilash in Bow Street has had its licence revoked by Cannock Chase Council, meaning it can no longer sell alcohol at all or any refreshments after 11pm.

It has 21 days to appeal the decision made by the authority’s sub-licensing committee last week.

The panel was prompted to review the licence after a raid in November found two works who were in the country illegally.

The owner Abdul Mukhtadir was subsequently fined £30,000.

Campaign on rate of breastfeeding

STAFFORDSHIRE health bosses are hoping to see an increase in the rate of breastfeeding in the county following a global campaign.

Currently, 63 per cent of mothers in the Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group area breastfeed.

The figures for Stafford and Surrounds and SE Staffordshire & Seisdon Peninsula CCGs are 70 and 62 per cent respectively. Nationally, the average is 73 per cent.

NHS health commissioners released the figures to coincide with World Breastfeeding Week.

Self-help advice is on the shelves

VISITORS to Staffordshire libraries can now borrow from over 28 self-help titles to help them deal with common long-term health conditions.

The new Reading Well scheme is supporting people with expert endorsed books available to borrow for free. Topics include diabetes, stroke and heart disease, as well as common symptoms such as fatigue, pain, well-being and sleep problems.

A few of the titles are also available as audiobooks, and some of them can be borrowed from Staffordshire County Council’s e-book service.

Canal enthusiasts set dates for Gathering

CANAL enthusiasts are hoping to emulate the success of 2015’s Huddlesford Heritage Gathering when this year’s event is held in September.

The Gathering, held biennially and organised jointly by Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust and Lichfield Cruising Club, takes place near Huddlesford Junction on the Coventry Canal.

It will be open to the public on September 23 and 24, from 10am.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Electric cars can lead to problems

SHOWING that it hasn't lost its knack for capturing the public mood and getting to grips with the burning subject that is on everybody's mind, the Government has announced it will be banning the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2040.

The future, it seems, is in silent, shiny electric cars, not those noisy, old-fashioned gas guzzlers. Which is rather odd, because electric cars have been around since the 1850s, and Wolverhampton industrialist Thomas Parker was one of the world's leading producers of them in the second half of the 19th century. We're hardly talking cutting edge technology.

And the reason why they didn't really catch on was because petrol and diesel power were much more efficient. Plus you don't have to trail a lead down 14 storeys if you live in a tower block.

Perhaps we need to invest in our infrastructure a little, you know, metal slots down the middle of the road, and hand-held throttles to control the speed. Maybe a plastic lap counter in the pit-stop to see how fast you're going. Let's hope they don't decide we need to move over to electric ships and aeroplanes. The extension cables will be massive.

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SPARE a thought for poor Clare Balding, having to get by on £200,000 a year for presenting commentaries on show-jumping and dressage.

Clare is one of 40 female BBC staff who have written complaining about pay inequality following the revelation that some of the corporation's male stars are being paid millions.

While it is ridiculous to suggest that Michal Husain, who is still learning the ropes, should be paid the same as veteran John Humphries, the malcontents do have a point. Is Gary Lineker really worth as much as 10 female sports presenters? Of course not.

No doubt, the BBC will spend the next few years navel-gazing about how to address this inequality, but the solution is simple, even if it is not what I suspect Balding & Co have in mind. Pay them all less. If the prime minister can manage on £150,000 a year, then so can Gary Lineker. And Clare Balding for that matter.

And if, as the argument goes, it means they are poached by ITV offering more money, what's the problem? I don't suppose the viewers care what channel they watch the football or horse-dancing on.

The BBC keeps telling us its role is to make unique programmes that the private sector would never provide. Fine, so get on with it. And leave the big-money, populist programmes to the private companies.

Website may say dry but really it's chucking it down



Kate on tour has raised claim that trips would be better if we had a Royal Yacht



Chancellor Philip Hammond – is he the target for the poison darts?



Jasper Carrott is due to go under the knife for major heart surgery next month

It's whether we can believe what we read

USING something called a supercomputer, the Met Office tells us we must expect record winter rainfall "over the next few years." By pure coincidence, this announcement came as I was consulting the BBC weather website which told me that, at that very moment, my postcode was dry and would remain so all morning. It was chucking it down. I have a lot of time for the Met Office. Looking ahead two or three days, it is much more accurate than it ever used to be. But there are times when it doesn't even know what the weather is doing now. And guesstimating what the weather will be doing years from now is like trying to nail seaweed to a pinecone.

AFTER a couple of spinal twinges, I typed "bad back" into Google and found this: "You know you're getting old when your back goes out more than you do."

THE nationwide obesity epidemic doesn't affect only humans. A reader saw a couple setting off with their plump Labrador for a walk in the Yorkshire Dales. The first stile through the dry-stone wall was one of those ancient ones, made with two upright stones and a narrow gap between. The Labrador was too fat to squeeze through and too heavy to lift over. End of walk.

THE successful European tour by Prince William, Kate and the kids has inevitably raised the claim that trips like this would be much better if we had a Royal Yacht. Royalists get all misty-eyed at the memory of Her Majesty stepping ashore in foreign parts from the immaculately polished Britannia. Wouldn't it be grand to build Britannia II? No it wouldn't, for two reasons. The first is that even the biggest royal yacht would be dwarfed by some of the mega-vessels owned by the global elite of Middle East

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princes, Russian oligarchs, dodgy businessmen and Mr Bigs of the drug industry. The second reason is that we actually have a magnificent Royal Yacht which, conveniently, already carries the Queen's name. HMS Queen Elizabeth is our shiny new 65,000-ton aircraft carrier. For the next few years it will have no aircraft and no conceivable military purpose. Let us therefore paint it white, deck it with bunting, stuff the fridges full of Pimm's, fly the Royal Standard and send it around the world to spread goodwill. And if it accidentally bumps into one or two megayachts and sinks them, so much the better.

IN the debate on gender stereotyping, I referred recently to that ancient institution, the battle of the sexes. A reader tells me his strategy is total capitulation at every opportunity. He regularly asks his wife: "What do you want doing wrong next?"

CAN Theresa May and her wobbly, minority Government survive the entire length of a full Parliament, with its Cabinet members squabbling like schoolchildren in the playground?

The Cabinet is in an unprecedented state of disarray, with malcontent members aiming their poison darts at Chancellor Philip Hammond.

JASPER Carrott, 72, is going under the knife for major heart surgery next month, followed by three months of recuperation and I feel sure we all wish this great national treasure well. I interviewed him 12 years ago when he was 60 and

in great form as he unveiled his first Rock With Laughter event in Birmingham. I can see him now, leaning forward in his chair conspiratorially, as though he was sharing some great medical secret. "You know, Pete," he smiled, "we're going to be the first generation that never grows old." Time has a great way of throwing that sort of prediction back in your face. Carrott and the rest of the baby boomers have had a great time on this planet but immortality has never been part of the deal. The closest today's seventy-somethings may get to Carrott's prediction is to become the first generation that never grows up. Which, it has to be said, is better than nothing.

WHITEHALL'S plan to ban petrol and diesel vehicles from our roads by 2040, announced a couple of days ago, is presumably based on the hope that technology will deliver stronger and longer-ranged electric vehicles. At present, it takes a brave, or extremely rich, motorist to invest £40,000 in a car with a range of only 150 miles and no towing capacity. Unless we get a new generation of electric engines, we can kiss goodbye to the joys of caravanning. And what becomes of the traveller community is anyone's guess. One contributor to the Caravan Club website writes glumly: "Now you know why the travellers have kept their horses."

MEANWHILE, some mathematically-minded folk have been doing the sums on how much power recharging several cars at the same time will demand from the average household wiring system. One Daily Telegraph reader predicts "Circuit breakers would pop or wiring would melt." He wonders whether every house in the land will have to be rewired.

TALKING POINT



No excuse for lack of grace and social skills

IGNORANT, anti-social or just plain rude. Whatever you want to call it, it is bang out of order.

We bring up our children – or we should – to learn social skills as well as academic ones. Good manners, the ability to communicate politely, etc. Yes the occasional swear word may creep in, especially when some boy racer driver cuts you up on a corner, but on the whole constant swearing is just unacceptable.

These social skills are so important. No matter what academic talents a person may have first impressions count, and if they are not well mannered or smartly dressed for occasions such as a job interview in most cases they should be shown the door.

Recently back from a lovely holiday in France – and I am not mentioning this because of the Brexit debate – I noticed how many of the older people, my generation, are totally lacking in social graces.

They push in, never say pardon, and do not respond when you try to be friendly or help by opening doors for them.

They give the impression that they don't want you there. Maybe they don't, but they must remember that a lot of these areas are dependent on us tourists.

Family holidays there with our children were always treasured. It is a beautiful country and having quality time with the kids was always a treat – even though it did cost us a fortune in drinks and ice creams!

But this year I was shocked by the behaviour of the young parents. Take for instance, and we saw a lot of such examples, one couple eating out in a restaurant with their young children.

Both parents were glued to their mobile phones with no interaction with the children – or even with each other. It is often said that the worst thing you can do – worse even than telling off children – is to ignore them. They were obviously guilty as charged!

And what an example to set the young ones. It is no wonder that when the children get older they will be doing exactly the same thing, on their phones instead of talking to each other.

They sometimes say that families who eat together stay together but maybe not if most of the meal time is spent staring at their mobiles. Instead show them good manners and respect, listen to what they have to say and they too will show respect in return.

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School is told a second time it must improve

Store's £10k for Guides



Sainsbury's staff present the cheque to the Girl Guides

A CANNOCK supermarket raised more than £10,000 for charity.

Sainsbury's raised £10,131 for the Girl Guides, with whom the store has been working for the past year. The group was chosen by customers and staff at the store in 2016.

The support it has received in the past year has included fundraising and awareness-raising.

To raise money, customers and colleagues took part in a range of activities including bag-packs, tombolas, book sales and raffles. The money raised will go towards improving the Guides' headquarters in

Cannock. The move will help young girls learn new skills as well as developing the ones they already have.

Andy Beardsmore, the store manager at Sainsbury's Cannock, said: "Our customers and colleagues worked really hard to help raise vital funds for the charity, and we're really proud with everything we've achieved."

Marie Hayden, from the Girl Guides, said: "We'd like to thank the Sainsbury's customers and colleagues in Cannock for their support over the past year. It has made such a difference."

A CANNOCK school with more than 350 pupils has been told it needs to improve again after Ofsted inspectors declared that pupils' progress is suffering.

Longford Primary School, in Ascot Drive, has been rated as 'requires improvement' for the second time in succession by the watchdog.

The school currently has 374 pupils on its roll. Inspectors have said that pupils are too regularly absent and that those who do attend are not showing enough progress.

The school's report, compiled by Ofsted inspector Nicola Harwood, reads: "Since the last inspection, leaders have not brought about enough improvement to ensure consistency in teaching."

"As a result, pupils' progress in key stages 1 and 2 is not yet good."

Vision

"Since the last inspection, leaders have lacked the sense of urgency and rigour required to raise standards for all groups of pupils."

"Although appropriate areas for improvement have been identified and acted upon, a strong vision and shared purpose have been lacking."

The school was rated as 'requires improvement' in terms of the effectiveness of its leadership, quality of teaching, personal development and outcomes for pupils, but good for early years provision.

On pupils behaviour, Ms Harwood said: "The behaviour of pupils requires improvement."

"This is because leaders have not been effective in reducing overall absence and persistent absence."

"This is despite the school putting in place a range of incentives such as certificates and prizes for good attendance."

The inspection took place on June 20 and 21.

Due to the summer holidays, no-one at the school was available for comment.



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We need to think of others

IN response to "Time to stop brainwashing our children", the contributor states they disagree with their children attending school assembly as they are not religious (Letters, July 27).

Perhaps they would like to consider whether it is a good idea that we should live by the Ten Commandments in order to improve the way in which we treat one another in our neighbourhoods and communities regardless of whether or not it is religious.

Then they object to dog owners being asked to behave responsibly. I believe it is the law that a dog must be under control in public, which it is clearly not if it is off the lead. Were they not aware of that being the law?

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Simple pleasures are a welcome distraction

WEARY of life's problems? Sick of Brexit? Get the flask out.

We sat on a bench sipping flask tea. Tannin, drab bouquet, addictive.

An old man passed. He wore trendy three-quarter combats. The wife tried to picture her old dad wearing some. That caused some mirth.

Under the bench, clover. We looked for a lucky four-leafed. I manufactured one, but the wife didn't fall for it. We put a blade of grass between

our thumbs and blew. I'd still got the knack. What a screeching sound. I blew and blew till the wife knocked it out of my hand. Could it distract the grandson from his Minecraft, I wondered.

In a nearby tree were some green-gage plums. "Ooh," said the wife. "Look." We jumped up and down, plucking a few. It brought to mind scrumping. You had to scoff them there and then. You couldn't wait for ripening. They were juicy, which made

your eyes water and 'all right', which were rock hard and sent your face into a spasm. Belly ache followed.

The grass was ripening. We plucked some seed heads and played 'cock or hen'. A passing couple looked quizzical. "Cook or hen," I explained. They looked away. What joy; simple pleasures. To borrow a line from Charles Dickens, "What larks Pip".

K GEE
Rugeley

Aim is to help new mothers

NCT (National Childbirth Trust) has launched a campaign called #HiddenHalf to help new mothers with mental health problems get the treatment they need.

Our research found nearly half of new mothers' mental health problems did not get picked up by a doctor or other health professional.

NCT is urging people to sign up to the Hidden Half campaign at www.nct.org.uk/hiddenhalf to change the system so that all new mothers get the support and treatment they need.

We have a free helpline (0300 330 0700) for anyone who'd like to discuss any issue around pregnancy, childbirth or being a new parent, and our local branch may be able to help too.

NICK WILKIE
CEO, NCT

Areas like ours bear brunt of austerity

I DON'T think people in the Cannock Chase constituency really do know what they have voted for in the recent election. A Chronicle headline signalled the closing of Cannock College. Our local MP Amanda Milling's response to this was 'hoping that the site gets good use after closure'.

I'm sorry, but this isn't good enough. Cannock Chase's MP should be arguing this shouldn't happen. Wake up, Cannock Chase - Conservative stronghold areas do not have the sort of cuts that we do. Go to Sutton Coldfield or Lichfield and you will see there are no hospital, school, college, police station closures. It's areas like ours that really bear the brunt and the mad thing is we willingly vote for it!

AARON BATE
Wimblebury

Peace of mind parking

BIRMINGHAM Airport recommends travellers shop around for cheaper airport parking prices. I would add that if they choose a 'park and ride' or 'meet and greet' service, it's essential they look for a company that will park their car securely. The easiest way to get peace of mind is to look for the IAPA logo. Our members only use secure parking facilities that are authorised for airport parking.

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Cannock Chase Ladies' Probud

CHAIRMAN Sheila Yard welcomed everyone to the annual luncheon at Brocton Hall Golf Club and introduced her guests on the top table who were representatives from the other four Probud Clubs in Cannock and Hednesford.

These were Paul Snape, chairman of Cannock Chase Probud with his wife Susan; Pam Clarke, chairman of Cannock and District Ladies' Probud, Maurice Cryer who kindly escorted Sheila Yard; Roger Haycock, secretary of Hednesford Probud with his daughter Julie Dolphin and Peter Worrall Arnold, chairman of Cannock & District Men's Probud with his wife Gill.

The Grace was said by club secretary Norma Hutchinson, after which the 75 guests enjoyed a splendid meal together.

Mrs Yard proposed a toast to The Queen followed by a toast to the guests. Eileen Cryer proposed a toast to absent friends.

Entertainment was provided by Michael James who was introduced by Mrs Sheila Yard. Michael James took the entire gathering down Memory Lane, singing songs from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Pat Preece gave the vote of thanks to Michael James. She said he had been 'the icing on the cake' of a successful luncheon.

In her closing remarks Mrs Yard, thanked everyone for attending and the ladies of the committee for organising the event.

Shore thing as new president welcomed



New president Cliff Shore is presented with the chain of office by Harold Bould

THE Rotary Club of Cannock has a new president for the forthcoming Rotary year. The changeover event saw the Harold Bould pass on the role to Cliff Shore.

More than 60 people were in attendance including representatives from other local Rotary Clubs, and six members from the recently formed Chase Interact Club.

Harold thanked the club members for their support over a successful year which raised in excess of £14,000 for local and international charities and good causes.

A cheque presentation was also made to The Pathway Project, which supports victims of domestic abuse. This money was given to the Cannock club from The Rotary

Rotary Club of Cannock

Clubs of Brie-Pontault near Paris and Bad Kreuznach from the Rhineland in Germany. The German club also donated 1,000 euros to help support victims of the terror attacks in Manchester and London.

The new president Cliff Shore introduced this year's officers and then went on to outline proposals for the coming year, which includes ongoing support to a number of local charities. The Cannock club already has a number of established fundraising events, including a Golf Day and 10k road race.

Quiz leads to Pathway funds

CANNOCK Soroptimists held a very successful quiz night at The Barns in Huntington.

The quiz was one of the events planned to raise funds for Pathway, providing support and refuge to women victims of domestic

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violence, one of president Val Jones's charities.

The quiz, organised by Soroptimist June Bould, attracted 12 teams, who all did well and there was a

lively and friendly atmosphere. Chris Wardle acted as quiz master and the winning team was 'Balmer's Bunch', who each won a bottle of wine.

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Motorist badly injured in accident



The scene of the collision in Cheslyn Hay **Picture: West Midlands Ambulance Service**

A MOTORIST was taken to hospital after his car was in a collision with a lorry in Cheslyn Hay.

The incident happened in Lodge Lane shortly before 8pm on Wednesday. A West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman said: "Crews arrived to find a lorry that had overturned and a car with substantial front-end damage."

"The driver of the car, a man in his 20s, was assisted out of the car and treated for a fractured leg, hip and pelvic

injuries as well as cuts to his arms." The man was given pain relief before being taken to Royal Stoke University Hospital.

"Ambulance staff found the lorry driver, a man in his 40s, sitting at the roadside having managed to get himself out," the spokesman added.

"He was treated for cuts to his face, given pain relief and taken to Walsall Manor Hospital."

Memorial for evacuees

A MEMORIAL paying tribute to wartime evacuees has been unveiled at the National Memorial Arboretum.

The bronze sculpture, entitled Every Which Way, was dedicated in the presence of the Duke of Gloucester.

Hundreds of former Second World War evacuees attended the service, including television presenter and Patron of the British Evacuees Association, Michael Aspel, who spent five years living in Chard, Somerset, after

he was evacuated from London. The memorial was created by sculptor and child holocaust survivor Maurice Blik after a fellow passenger on a plane said the British Evacuees Association wished to erect a reminder of the displacement the youngsters faced.

The service was attended by Barry Fletcher and Harry Spalding, two former evacuees who became good friends because of their shared experience.

Barry was one of hundreds of children from Birmingham who boarded train W507 at Aston on September 1,

1939. Unknown to him, his destination was Feckenham, near Redditch, where he and Harry lived with first with an elderly retired couple and then a family of five.

Mr Blik said: "Making this sculpture was a privilege and a journey in itself."

● Hundreds of people gathered at the National Memorial Arboretum on Sunday to pay tribute to police officers who have died on duty. The Care of Police Survivors (COPS) charity welcomed the crowds for their 15th Annual Service of Remembrance.

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Same again next year for new 10k fundraiser

Countdown is on for race



From left, Lisa Carson, from Katharine House Hospice, Emma Parker, of Stafford Railway Building Society, and runner Holly Addison

PREPARATIONS are under way for a charity run around the grounds of the Shugborough Estate later this year.

Stafford-based Katharine House Hospice's 10k run and 5k fun run will see hundreds of athletes – both amateur and advanced – helping to raise money for the hospice.

Taking place on October 8,

the 10k route is a picturesque cross-country trail, while the 5k route is a mixed-terrain flat route and suitable for all abilities.

Lisa Carson, events fundraiser at the hospice, said: "Last year was a record year for the 10k and 5k event with almost 800 people taking part."

"We'd love to make it to 1000 runners this year." Call 01785 254645.

A NEW 10k charity event is set to become an annual favourite, after 65 runners and walkers joined in to support disabled children.

The inaugural event at Chasewater was organised by Newlife the Charity for Disabled Children. Over £3,000 was raised, to buy life-changing equipment.

A fun warm-up session by Cannock-based Optimal Sports Performance got runners off to a great start at the event, where they completed the two laps around the Chase-water course. While the event was a 'fun run', Christopher Gidlow of Stoke-on-Trent completed it in just 35 minutes.

Cannock-based Briggs Equipment UK, which has adopted Newlife as its charity of the year, provided route signs and bottled water for runners, and Hazel Green Hampers donated a prize for the stalls. To add to the family flavour, the event also included bouncy castles, a tombola and a candy hut.

Thanks

Several runners took part as individuals, but others were part of teams from local companies, including Lloyds Bank. Staff members from Newlife, based in Cannock, also took part.

Newlife's deputy community fundraising manager Chris Fielding said: "Big thanks go out to everyone who supported the event and to all the brilliant runners."

"We have had great feedback and now intend to run this event next year on July 15, so put the registration opening of April 3 in your diary now for a chance to take part in changing the lives of local disabled children."

"Right now, we have 33 children in Staffordshire who need pain-relieving or life-changing specialist equipment, costing £80,563."

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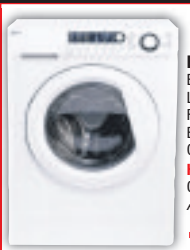
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Town always has place in my heart

Glenn Hughes played a gig in Cannock – and told TOM OAKLEY how he is ‘super proud’ of his roots

ROCK legend Glenn Hughes returned to Cannock for an up close and personal gig in his hometown.

The Deep Purple star, who lives in Los Angeles, returned to the town to treat his adoring fans to an intimate evening – featuring a Q&A, live performance and meet-and-greet for some.

Cannock's Premier Suite was packed out as hundreds enjoyed a short film about his life, an interview led by ex-Radio 1 DJ Nicky Horne and music from across his illustrious career.

Speaking to the Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star, he said he was delighted to be back in his hometown and that the place will always have a place in his heart.

"I'm super proud to come from this part of the world," he said.

"I've never shied away from telling people I come from Cannock. I secretly came up here in the area and visited my birthplace, going to places I used to go as a kid. It's super important for me to remember where I came from.

"I've been around all the old neighbourhoods I used to play in during the late 60s. I wanted to come back and have a look at the way it used to be and the way it is now."

Fans young and old – with some travelling from overseas – turned out for the evening at the venue in the town centre.

It comes after a difficult year for the singer and bass player, who lost both his father William and mother Sheila in



Grateful – Glenn Hughes in Cannock

less than 12 months. "I'm grateful to be home, he said.

"I lost both my parents in the last year and wanted to come home at this point and see some old friends."

"My parents bought me my first guitar and I slept with it for two years. That was my new love – and that's a historical thing for me."

"I don't know how many times I'll be coming back to Cannock but I want to let people know I'm grateful for the life that's freely been given to me."

Hughes had been touring Europe promoting the upcoming fourth record

from his band Black Country Communion, which is out on September 22.

A song of his aptly titled 'Black Country' is played at half-time before every game at Molineux – and he confessed his love for the club.

"Wolverhampton Wanderers is my team and always will be," Hughes said.

"You can get married three or four times, have three divorces, but you'll never change your team."

"The Championship is such a difficult league and the fact of the matter is, I'm still going to be there."

"There's going to be some surprises this year. People are talking about the Villa going up and I wish them the very best. Wolves have three quarters of a new team and they're going to have to gel and work together like every other team. They need to work really hard and realise it's not one man but a club effort."

Friends

Hughes was also a member of Trapeze and was briefly in Black Sabbath in the mid-1980s. And he classes as friends the long list of rock bands from across the Midlands which dominated the music scene through the 1970s.

"I had a report with all bands in the area," he added.

"Slade were always good friends of mine. John Bonham was one of my closest friends, and Robert Plant an old friend before Led Zeppelin."

"The guys in Sabbath – I was in Sabbath in a while. I grew in places like Dudley, Walsall, Wolverhampton – it's been one hell of a ride."

"I called my band Black Country Communion because I started my career around the Black Country – and I thought it would be great one day if I could call the band the name of the area I was from."

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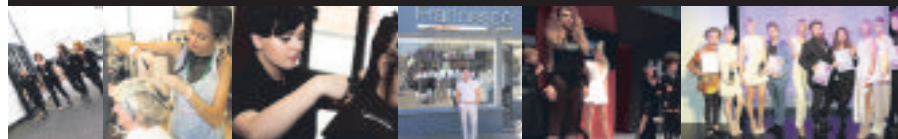
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Rodney raring to go on 300-mile ride



Rodney Clarke saddles up for his charity ride training

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Rodney Clarke, aged 52, will be joining an 18-strong team from across the UK who will be cycling from Saigon in Vietnam to Angkor Wat in Cambodia over six days starting on October 28 to raise money for Challenge Cancer UK.

Having smashed his individual target of £3,000 in only three months, he is leading the field with pledges of more than £4,750 and is now aiming to clock up £5,000.

The ride has been organised by one of his employer's suppliers, air conditioning installation specialist Coolair Equipment Ltd, which has a local office in Cannock.

Rodney, who works for building services provider Dodd Group, will face the challenges of cycling for up to eight hours a day along narrow paths and unmade tracks in stifling heat and humidity as part of Team Coolair. To sponsor Rodney visit www.justgiving.com/Rodney-Clarke

Payout of £200,000 over Nunes case fiasco

DAMAGES totalling £200,000 have been paid to two men jailed over the botched Kevin Nunes murder investigation.

Staffordshire Police have settled out of court with Antonio Christie and Levi Walker who were suing the force after the Court of Appeal overturned their convictions for the gangland killing.

One of the men has received £150,000 while the other has been paid £50,000.

Christie, of Great Bridge in the Black Country, and Walker, of Edgbaston, were part of a gang of five convicted of killing amateur footballer-turned-drug dealer Kevin Nunes in Potters Bar in 2002.

They were handed life prison sentences in 2008 after being found guilty but had their convictions quashed in 2012 when serious failings and wrongdoing by Staffordshire Police officers came to light.

Walker is serving a minimum 30-year prison sentence for the separate murder of Trooper Narel Sharpe in Smethwick in 2004 for which he was convicted in 2006.

By Rob Gollidge

Christie and Walker launched civil legal action against Staffordshire Police last year but the case has now been settled.

The £200,000 total will be met by the force and its insurers.

Fourteen officers – including three now-retired Chief Constables and a serving Assistant Chief Constable – were subject to a four-year investigation by the Independent Police Complaints Commission over the botched probe.

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Exchange youngsters help tend war graves



Work gets under way on the war graves at Cannock Chase

YOUNG people from Staffordshire and Germany teamed up to help tend war graves at Cannock Chase.

The Bremen Exchange forms part of two weeks of commemorations between the German War Graves Commission and Staffordshire County Council and has been taking place since 1962.

The 32 young people, all aged 16 and 17 from Bremen, had the opportunity to improve their language skills, build friendships, learn more about the world wars, and be involved in projects that concentrate on the theme of peace

and reconciliation. During the first week of the exchange, teenagers spent time cleaning and tidying the graves at the German Military Cemetery and learned about the lives of some of the soldiers buried at the cemetery.

Councillor Mark Sutton, cabinet member for young people at the county council, who met the group, said: "This is always a very special gathering of young people from Staffordshire and Bremen which has been taking place for over 50 years now. The exchange brings the teenagers together to commemorate the years of friendship between the two areas."

Staffordshire Council for Voluntary

Youth Services (SCVYS) has been responsible for organising the annual camp for the past three years.

SCVYS chief executive Phil Pusey said: "We are very excited about the higher numbers of Staffordshire young people participating this year, as well as the enhanced programme for the 55th year of this important international partnership. The aim continues to be to encourage friendship, peace and ongoing collaboration."

Later during the exchange, 150 guests and relatives of those who are buried in the cemetery attended a special ceremony where the students from Bremen laid a wreath.

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Video celebrates attractions

A 'FUN' video has been released showing the range of activities and landmarks which help to make Staffordshire an attractive place to visit.

Featuring the likes of Cannock Chase, Stafford Castle and Trentham Monkey Forest, the film reflects the county's role in driving the UK economy.

It comes after Staffordshire was ranked among the top hospitality destinations in England by the AA.

The Welcome to Staffordshire video was

officially launched on social media, generating much discussion on the economic prosperity that Staffordshire has to offer the UK.

"This video is a celebration of all things Staffordshire," said Richard Stonier, a partner at Tally Accounts, which made the film.

The video can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwGa3siM1r4

To comment on the video, the social media discussion has been categorised using the hashtag #StaffordshireRocks

Almost four a day caught drink driving

NEARLY four people a day are caught drink driving in Staffordshire, new figures show. A total of 3,516 people were arrested for driving under the influence in the county between January 2015 and June this year – an average of just under four people a day.

Staffordshire Police made 719 drink drive arrests between June and January this year, 1,403 in 2016 and 1,394 the year before. Of those caught over the past two-and-a-half years, one was 15-years-old and the oldest 85. Jason Wakeford, from road safety charity Brake, has called for a 'zero-tolerance limit' to be introduced.

He said: "Drink driving is illegal for a reason – because it leads to deaths and serious injuries, and causes appalling suffering.

"If we are to stamp out drink-driving, we need to get tough with those who break the law, and introduce a zero-tolerance limit, making it clear that any amount of alcohol can be lethal behind the wheel."

Serious

June this year saw 107 people driving over the limited arrested – a slight decrease on the previous month's total of 123.

It comes after various campaigns run by the force to target irresponsible and dangerous drivers – including one in December 2016 which aimed to reduce fatal and serious road traffic collisions and protect other road users.

Meanwhile, West Midlands Police officers targeted motorists getting behind the wheel while under the influence of drink and drugs as part of a summer crackdown in June.

Anyone with information on a suspected drink or drug driver can call Staffordshire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

RAFA meeting

THE Royal Air Forces Association's Cannock Chase branch will hold its monthly meeting at the Ex-Services Club in Walsall Road, Cannock, at 1pm on Saturday. Visitors are welcome. There will be a branch committee meeting at midday.

Scan team in trials of Alzheimer's drug



The PET-CT scan team are to participate in a research trial

A NEW drug will be tested in Staffordshire to see whether it can help prevent early symptoms of memory loss or Alzheimer's Disease from getting worse and developing.

The research will be carried out at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNH), which runs County Hospital and Royal Stoke University Hospital.

Patients with mild Alzheimer's or a certain type of memory loss will be seen by the PET-CT scan team for a brain scan during initial screening to help determine whether they are eligible for the trial.

It will be the first time the team have taken part in a research trial. They will be supporting the NeurOdeGenerative Active Partnership (NOGAP) team, which runs research trials between UHNH and North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust (NSCHT).

The current workload of the PET-CT team mainly involves diagnosis and monitoring of cancer. Robert Gordon, lead technologist in nuclear medicine at UHNH, said: "This research trial has the potential to open up an entirely different clinical group of patients to PET-CT scanning."

Folk club's open mic

BURNTWOOD Folk Club will hold their monthly open mic event at the Ashmore Club, in Meerash Lane, Hammerwich, on August 23 from 8 to 10.30pm.

"The club has a great friendly atmosphere, and all are welcome to perform or watch," club spokesman Richard Hill said.

Admission is free. Call 07549 654327 for details.

Plan for tanning studio unveiled

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Nail Attraction, Unit 6, Lambourne House, Bridge Cross Road, Chase Terrace – change of use from nail and beauty salon (A1) to a tanning studio with beauty treatments.

Emmanuel New Life Church, Cannock Road, Chase Terrace – two-storey rear extension to form entrance lobby, cafeteria, office, toilets and recreation area on first floor.

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Most dog owners are considerate

IN response to the article regarding unfriendly dogs I would like to say that I have two small dogs and one is unfriendly due to her level of anxiety round other dogs (Talking Point, July 13).

We have tried socialising and training and it has not changed her.

We cannot use a basket muzzle due to the shape and size of

her nose. We always keep her on a lead and find that if we tell people she does not like other dogs they will generally keep theirs away and safe and are very understanding.

Contrary to the opinion of the writer it is the responsibility of people who have dogs off leads to control them and if they cannot do so and keep them away from dogs on leads they should

not have them off the lead at all. It is very unfair on other walkers to have loose dogs running up to them and irresponsible of owners to have a loose dog they cannot control.

Thankfully most dog owners do not share the attitude of the writer and are considerate and friendly.

JAY HART
Huntington

Missing the point on school assemblies

THE correspondent who did not wish to identify him or herself rather misses the point about school assemblies ("Time to stop brainwashing our children", July 27).

Any parent has the right to withdraw their children from school assemblies if they wish, without making a song and dance about it, and that has been the case for many years.

M FAWDREY
Cannock

Retirement age not so straightforward

IN response to your Mark Andrews column regarding the Government's continued movement of the finish line before one can claim state pension ("Working longer is a small price to pay", July 27) I appreciate that my pathetic contributions over the years would amount to slim pickings come pension time were it not for the sterling efforts of our wonderful, much maligned, banking industry.

The same wonderful banking industry which creams off an estimated £20 billion a year from the NHS through the commission of PFI finance deals and cost us an estimated £850 billion in bailouts following the 2008 financial crash.

And don't start me on the £10 billion DUP deal and the financial black hole, white elephant that is HS2!

Mr Andrews can continue to work till he drops if he wants but is clearly already suffering from memory loss and tunnel vision to the right.

MARK DE BANK
Burntwood

No idea on leadership

CANNOCK Chase and Lichfield municipal districts looking for ideas from ratepayers? I thought that was why ratepayers voted for them in the first place, because they deem themselves as leaders ("Survey on use of power station site under way", July 27). Does it mean that future expenses or pensions could be in jeopardy for who knows who? By the way, it's just a passing thought.

PHILIP EVANS
Great Wyrley

Numbers question for police

ON Tuesday, July 25, I went to pick up my daily paper from Tesco, Heath Hayes.

I find two police cars and six policemen outside, and on enquiring in the store, I am told they have been called to a shoplifter.

Does it really take this many to make an arrest of one person?

On a Friday market day in Cannock you never see any police.

There are cars driving through the pedestrian area and leaving them to pop into shops, and in the current climate, who knows who they belong.

Finally, do they know there is a man begging and sleeping rough in the underpass at Morrisons?

Come on, Cannock police; let us see you out and about.
JUDITH WALTERS
Hednesford

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HS2 will end up as a white elephant

WHO wants it, or is it another M6 Toll? Never made a profit, always looking for someone to purchase it. No-one seems too keen on taking it on.

The only body that might be interested in HS2 could be Dudley Zoo. The reason is simple – they have a wide range of animals but, so far, they have not got a white elephant.

HS2 will happen as far too much money has changed hands, just like the M6 Toll; no-one wanted that, but it went through.

I suppose this is what a democracy is – you have the right to stand up against injustice, protest, lobby your representatives – but at the end of the day, basic values get ignored.
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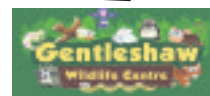
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Cuts, but we will survive and thrive, says city theatre boss

AN historic theatre facing budget cuts has revealed it will survive funding reductions and continue staging popular performances.

Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre has been forced to change its business model to continue catering for its audiences, which are at an 'all-time high'. It comes as the venue announced it is to host its first in-house production in 40 years following its £1.2 million refurbishment unveiled last September.

Deliberate outdoor fires soar

DELIBERATE outdoor fires have soared and are a 'worrying issue' for fire crews in Staffordshire who are dealing with nearly six a day.

In June and May alone, there were 348 call-outs – a 43 per cent increase on the 243 in the same two months last year. A recent incident saw a building at Rugeley School for children with autism burnt to the ground.

Now, in a bid to drive down incidents, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service has released a rap video to help spread their campaign message that Flames Aren't Games.

Director of Prevent and Protect Glynn Luznyj said: "Deliberate fires have become a really worrying issue in Staffordshire."

Deliberate outdoor fires include arson attacks and those started with harmless intentions like garden fires but which get out of control and require firefighters to extinguish.

Grand Theatre chief executive and artist director Adrian Jackson said the theatre was only able to secure its long-term funding by changing the way it runs.

He said: "We have made changes to our business model during the last year or so which now clearly demonstrates that the Grand Theatre can survive and thrive without the need for regular public funding."

"Wolverhampton Grand Theatre audiences are at an all-time high and we couldn't be more proud to see our very own production taking shape."

United

The theatre claims it is set to lose its funding by next April after the latest round of cuts from Wolverhampton Council will leave it without any regular cash support.

But staff at the theatre have united in the face of the devastating news, vowing to move forward by launching show Brassed Off in four weeks' time.

Bosses at the Grand said they will bring the full-scale production to the stage from Wednesday, August 23, until Saturday, September 2.

The City of Wolverhampton Brass Band will also play live on stage during the show, which will be directed by former Hull Truck Theatre artistic director Gareth Tudor-Price.

Grand way to honour sporting royalty



Sitting comfortably – Hugh Porter and Anita Lonsbrough in the theatre's Dress Circle

WOLVERHAMPTON'S athletic golden couple have been honoured at the city's Grand Theatre.

Seats have been dedicated to sporting royalty Hugh Porter and Anita Lonsbrough in the Dress Circle.

The plaques recognise their sporting achievements – Anita as Olympic, European and Commonwealth gold medalist and Hugh as four-times world champion and Commonwealth gold medalist. Both Anita and Hugh have

been awarded the MBE and are regular theatregoers at the Grand.

Hugh said: "We couldn't believe it when we were told about the plaques."

"The Grand Theatre is a jewel in the crown of the City of Wolverhampton, it's a massive honour to be part of the theatre's vision."

Anita said: "It's a great honour to be recognised in this way."

"The Grand Theatre is a place we often attend and enjoy visiting. Hugh

was born here, but this is my adopted home, and we are delighted to be involved in the campaign to protect the future of the Grand Theatre."

Members of the public can sponsor their favourite seats in the Grade II-listed auditorium or bricks in the new Encore Lounge for five years by donating £250.

Donations can also be spread over the sponsorship period into smaller payments.

Silicon Valley vision for site of former power station

PROPOSALS are in the pipeline to build 1,800 homes on the Rugeley Power Station site and turn it into Europe's 'Silicon Valley' creating 4,500 jobs.

The Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star, has met with a third-party developer and viewed their alternative vision for the site.

Last week the district councils for Cannock Chase and Lichfield, which share planning authority for the land, launched a consultation on their broad proposals for the site – a minimum of 800 homes and a mix of commercial and industrial development.

But the developer the E&S spoke with, who does not wish to be identified at this stage as their plans are commercially sensitive, has criticised the councils' proposals as 'short sighted', claiming it will generate only zero-hour contract type jobs for people outside of the district.

The developer said: "What the councils are doing will raise cash quickly – the money will be generated from housing within two years – but the trouble with the speculative warehouses or shed sites they want to build is that in Cannock, there is only one site like that which is actually full. Other equivalent sites are only 50 per cent full. They are not guaranteed to bring the money in."

Instead, the developer claims, Rugeley Power Station is the only place in the country with the infrastructure to deliver the European Exascale Project – the development of the most powerful IT system on the continent to rival and surpass the one in China.

Among the other plans they have for the site are 3D manufacturing, a reality gaming centre, a themed hotel, a new railway station, a tram line, and the ability to feed power into the National Grid.

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Legion of interest in map of Roman roads



Sasha Trubetskoy's underground-style map of Roman roads

THEY built 2,000 miles of famously straight roads across the UK – including highways through Staffordshire and the West Midlands that are still used today.

Now a London Underground-style map of Roman roads has been drawn up by a student studying statistics at the University of Chicago.

The colourful network simplifies the road system of 43 to 410 AD Britain for history enthusiasts in the 21st Century. The map looks very differ-

ent to a modern A-Z or road atlas, with no sign of how important Birmingham or the Black Country conurbation of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell, and Walsall would become – and no trace of an M6, M54, A449, A454 or an A41.

The only local towns shown on student Sasha Trubetskoy's 'Tube' map are Penkridge, given its Latin name of Pennocrucium, and Wall, then called Letocetum – both of them important stopping-off places on the Romans' long journeys around the country.

Pennocrucium was around three miles south-west of the modern town



The Roman site at Wall, or Letocetum



Watling Street runs through Brownhills

of Penkridge. Wall was near the junction of Watling Street and Icknield Street, also shown on the map, now known as the A38.

One of their most important routes was Watling Street, the Roman military road to North Wales, which ran from east to west, beneath the modern A5 trunk road, running through Brownhills and Cannock.

Mr Trubetskoy, who spent days making the map, said: "I pretty much included every known Roman settlement in Britain as well as some locations that were only a fort/camp or tribal settlement."

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Developer challenges low-paid jobs claim

THE developer of a proposed rail freight hub has challenged claims that the scheme will create 'low-paid' jobs.

Peter Frost, managing director of Four Ashes Ltd, said logistics workers are paid better than other roles, and salaries were rising above national levels. The hub would span 700 acres at Four Ashes, Gailey, and Calf Heath.

By Rob Gollidge

The West Midlands Interchange rail and warehouse depot, if approved, is expected to create 8,500 jobs.

But campaigners, including South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson, have said the jobs would be 'low-skilled and low-paid'.

However, Mr Frost said: "This does come up quite a lot. The logistics industry is rapidly changing, and there is a historic perception that a lot of the jobs could be unskilled. But these are valuable jobs. What is happening is that the skill level has risen tremendously."

"People point to automation and robots and say that will mean there are less jobs. But in reality, what happens is that the number of jobs per square feet goes

up and you create a lot of IT jobs, analysts, and engineers which require a lot of skills and training and are well-paid."

Documents submitted by the developer say the jobs will provide 'a range of skill and salary levels; part-time and full-time; shift and non-shift'. It adds: "These would be high-quality jobs with opportunities for career development and training – and salaries well above the regional average for skilled and experienced roles."

Mr Frost also countered Mr Williamson's suggestion that creating two public parks around the site was a 'cheap bribe'.

He said: "This is not an 'insignificant' gesture."

Festival on song with the crowds



Tammy Woodcock and Teresa Moore with youngsters Amber Dixon, left, and Dottie Moore

MORE than 1,000 people headed out to The Middle of Nowhere to enjoy a weekend of live music and entertainment.

The popular Middle of Nowhere Festival returned to Lower Drayton Farm in Penkridge with performances from up and coming bands, tribute acts and established solo artists keeping crowds entertained through rainy and sun.

The festival has been offering a weekend of live music in the Staffordshire countryside for more than a decade.

In 2012, the event moved to Lower Drayton Farm, where farmers Ray Bower and Val Jones work with Hazzard Promotions to help ensure the event retains its unique appeal. Speaking about this year's event, Val Jones said: "I think this year has proved that we can get the crowds in."

"I was shocked on the Friday night to see that despite the awful weather we had, hundreds of people were still dancing and enjoying themselves. The weather improved on Saturday and the excellent live music just kept coming."

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Help floods in for work on flower beds revamp



From left, Dave Webb, Nick, Hillary Novakovic, Keith in front of Hillary, Zoe, Team Van Oord's Ian Wood, and Richard alongside the flower beds



How the overgrown flower beds at the centre used to look before the work was carried out

CONTRACTORS carrying out flood prevention work have been helping with a project at Rugeley Community Centre.

The flower beds at the entrance to the centre were badly overgrown and in desperate need of a total rejuvenation.

Dave Webb, the centre's building and maintenance manager, came

By David Banner

up with the idea of involving Voyage Day Care service users to assist in the transformation of the beds to ultimately create a sensory garden.

He then approached Angus Brettell, project manager for the flood defence scheme at Hagley park, and Ian Wood, senior site manager, both from Team Van Oord who currently rent offices at the centre, to

help with the project. Dave said that their enthusiasm was overwhelming – not only did they arrange for the supply of a digger, courtesy of CPC Civils, but also organised the removal of the old soil and plants before replenishing the beds with fresh top soil.

"The adults with learning difficulties and their support are a huge part of the centre, utilising it every weekday," Dave Said.

"The centre is run by Rugeley

Community Church, who have a passion and vision to serve the local community.

"The church/centre and Voyage Day Care are so grateful for the amazing support with the project by the employees of Team Van Oord and CPC Civils who went above and beyond with their assistance," he added.

Mr Brettell said: "Our business is always keen to help and support the local community."

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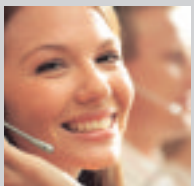
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Anger at lack of superfast

RESIDENTS in Norton Canes are furious at having no fibre optic internet connections. Last year an agreement was reached to ensure all new developments with 30 houses or more are connected.

However, many developments built beforehand are left without a decent internet connection. The issue was raised in the Common by Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling, who spoke of the plight of families

on the Chasewater Grange development. "It is astonishing that new developments are being built without superfast broadband connectivity," she said.

"The residents have made some progress in securing funding from both Openreach and Taylor Wimpey."

"However, the residents of Chasewater Grange still face a funding shortfall and I hope Superfast Staffordshire can help."

Petition calls for a debate on hospitals

A PETITION signed by more than 1,500 people calling for Stafford Borough Council to hold a referendum over the future of Stafford County Hospital will be discussed today (Thursday).

A total of 1,512 people signed the petition, asking that the public be given a voice over whether or not full services should return to the Stafford hospital from Royal Stoke, as well as asking whether Stafford's NHS should be fully publicly financed and managed or whether a private for-profit company should be involved. The petition will be discussed at a meeting of the council's cabinet.

Doctors have given me my life back



Joseph Woodhouse got to celebrate his golden wedding with wife Pauline, thanks to life-saving surgery

A GRATEFUL grandfather has once again expressed his thanks to doctors who saved his life a year ago.

And now he has been able to celebrate a belated 50th wedding anniversary with his wife in Tenerife.

Last July, Joseph Woodhouse was referred from the Nile Practice in Cheslyn Hay where he lives, to New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton for major heart surgery.

The 77-year-old father of two, and grandfather of three, thought it might have been the last time he saw his family. But surgeon Dr Nikos Nikolaidis completed the successful procedure to correct an irregular heartbeat, blood clots and leaking valve.

Since then, Mr Woodhouse, of Park Close, has been back for regular check-ups.

He said: "I would just like to thank the doctors. They saved my life. If it weren't for them, I wouldn't be here."

"They have looked after me since and given me the all-clear. I just want to thank them for giving me my life back," he added.

Geoff Small, who submitted the petition, said: "It's time we had a long-overdue national conversation about the NHS."

"Stafford Borough Council should let local people have their say and, in doing so, become an example that other local councils will inevitably have to follow, hopefully paving the way for a full national referendum that might ask multiple questions on issues such as the Private Finance Initiative - which is draining hospital budgets - and how we would like to see our NHS funded."

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The cost of such a referendum to the council would be £140,000 according to papers released ahead of today's meeting.

Speaking in response to the petition, Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy said: "It is clear to see that people are concerned about the state of affairs involving the hospital at the moment, which I am obviously fully aware of and I support the public in airing those concerns."

"I am still campaigning to get the A&E reopened, which we are told at the moment is unlikely to happen, but we will keep pushing for that."

"I will be interested to see what the council says in relation to this petition," the MP added.

Plea on drones

A STAFFORDSHIRE MP has spoken out on the need for 'proper enforcement' in relation to the use of drones. Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy led a debate in the House of Commons about the ongoing risk to UK aviation from the devices.

Boating open day

AN open day for boat owners and enthusiasts will be held on Sunday.

The event will take place at Gailey Wharf and will offer people the chance to learn more about holiday boat hire, short narrowboat breaks, shared ownership schemes and more.

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Profits dip but sales soaring at Amazon

AMAZON has reported a sales increase of 25 per cent for the second quarter of 2017.

Net sales for the last three months were £29 billion, compared to £23.2bn for the same period last year.

At the same time, profits for the group slumped 77 per cent as it spent more on expanding services such as its Amazon Fresh grocery delivery service. Amazon is rapidly expanding its operations in the UK, which include the 700,000 sq ft delivery warehouse at Rugeley.

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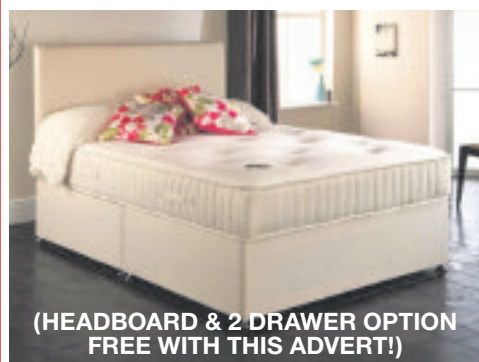


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Hallelujah! Scott's on a music mission

The churches of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire and Shropshire may be put to an unusual use in coming months as the region's Ivor Novello

Award-winning Scott Matthews embarks on a remarkable journey.

The Wolverhampton-based singer/songwriter is presently recording his sixth album, which is due for release in April, and hopes to record in a venue with stunning acoustics.

And rather than head to studios in London, Bath, Wales or Scotland – he wants to stay close to home and find a unique and bespoke environment in which to record. The idea is to capture the magic that Scott's concerts create, where fans from around the UK find themselves spellbound by the mystery of his evocative, spine-tingling songs.

Scott became a huge success when he released the hit single *Elusive*, which was a BBC Radio favourite and earned him a tour with the Foo Fighters, a major recording deal with Island – home to U2, Bob Marley, Nick Drake and others – and won an Ivor Novello Award.

He has since released five albums – including his two most recent, *Home Pt I* and *Home Pt II* – and is embarking on a new record, which has a working title of *Chapters*.

Scott says: "I'm writing at home and have a number of songs. I want to get to 15 or so, and whittle that down to 10. The idea for recording in a church came about because they have such brilliant acoustics. Recording in a unique environment, rather than a traditional studio, also adds a little magic to the performance. There's something that happens when I play a concert, a feeling, or an energy, that the audience and I both feel. The idea is that by recording in a church with sensational acoustics, I can recreate that feeling and commit it to the record."

The record will be released in spring 2018, with an accompanying tour. And Scott, one of the UK's most revered and respected singer/songwriters, is finally recording a stripped-down album featuring only him and a guitar.

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Fans are being given the chance to engage with the recording process by getting regular updates from the artist, through an organisation called Pledge Music.

Pledge Music gives performers who choose not to have a record deal the opportunity to work directly with fans – where they pre-order signed copies of the work, which helps to pay the upfront costs of recording.

Scott adds: "I founded my own record label – Shedio – which is based around the converted garden shed at the bottom of my garden. That's the space where I usually record. The fan-funded model works really well because fans then get the chance to find out about the process while it is still on-going."



On a song – Scott won an Ivor Novello in 2007



They get regular updates, which might include messages from me, video updates – all sorts of things.

"Then, when the record is complete, they are the first to receive a signed copy of the new album, which is delivered to their door. It's pretty simple for people to get involved. They just need to go online and search for Pledge Music, then search for Scott Matthews and all of the details appear."

Scott says financing the project is not the most important part of Pledge. The thing that he enjoys best is having direct access to his fans.

"You might wake up one morning and there'll be a message from someone in Paraguay who has just discovered the back catalogue, which is great. Or, alternatively, you might get a fan from somewhere in the UK who is really passionate about the music and can speak articulately about particular songs."

"That really fuels my fire. Having that direct link with the fans, where they can tell me what they think, is a massive boost. And that's one of the things I'm looking forward to as I record my sixth album."

Scott remains in the spotlight and was recently asked by the BBC to unveil a commemorative Blue Plaque at the former home of iconic British folk singer Nick Drake, who lived at Tanworth-In-Arden.

Scott was happy to oblige and performed the ceremony alongside fellow singer/songwriter Simon

Fowler, best known as frontman with Ocean Colour Scene.

"It was an enormous honour," he says. "There have been a few highlights in my career: winning an Ivor Novello, presenting John Martyn with a Lifetime Achievement Award in a room full of people like John Martyn and so on. But being asked to unveil the plaque

I'm very excited to be finally recording a record that's just me and a guitar

at Nick Drake's home was remarkable. There were little rural paths that he would have walked along. It was easy to marvel at the things that would have gone on in his room, at the records that would have been delivered to his door and so on. It was a real privileged, a very special moment." Scott, an avid Wolverhampton Wanderers fans, is looking forward to being back on the road in spring – though eagle-eyed fans might get the chance to see him play a few unannounced shows before then, when he trials new songs.

"You can learn more from a three-minute soundcheck, or by playing a song at a gig, than you can by spending a year writing and refining a song. So I plan to road-test a few of the songs with a small number of gigs this autumn. The record will be finished by December, I'll reflect for a little while and then it will be out in spring. I'm very excited to be finally recording a record that's just me and a guitar. And, having released five albums already, I'm just thrilled to have the opportunity to record and release a sixth."

● Fans who want to pre-order signed copies of Scott Scott's new album can log onto Pledge Music to receive regular updates at: www.pledgemusic.com/projects/scott-scott-studio-album-six

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Blondie in 2017



One way or another, Blondie are heart of class

Blondie are back with a new album, *Pollinator*, and a tour that calls in at Birmingham city centre's Barclaycard Arena on November 13.

The New York band was formed more than 40 years ago and still features original members, iconic frontwoman Debbie Harry, guitarist Chris Stein and drummer Clem Burke, alongside long standing band mates Leigh Foxx (bass), Tommy Kessler (guitar) and Matt Katz-Bohen (keyboard).

Emerging from the stateside punk scene, they became one of the greatest pop bands of the 1970s

and 80s. They still create new music to go alongside such classics as *Heart of Glass*, *Hanging On The Telephone*, *Sunday Girl*, *Dreaming*, *Call Me*, *Atomic*, *The Tide Is High*, *Rapture* and *Maria*.

Eleventh studio album *Pollinator*, which came out in May, features songs written by Stein and Harry alongside songwriting or studio contributions from former Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr, Sia, Charli XCX, Nick Valensi from The Strokes, Joan Jett, Laurie Anderson, and Dave Sitek from TV On The Radio.

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Brontë classic given Eyre time at Rep



THIS year marks the 170th anniversary of the first publication of Charlotte Brontë's classic novel of gothic romance *Jane Eyre*.

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Brontë's much-loved story is still an inspiration. This dynamic production tells the story of one woman's fight for freedom. From her beginnings as a destitute

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Director Sally Cookson said "Adapting a novel for the stage is a challenging prospect, especially when that novel is cited as many people's favourite of all time. It is always daunting when you're working on a story which everyone knows so well. It's a story that I love and have enjoyed a close relationship with ever since I was intrigued, as a child, by Orson Welles' black and white melodrama.

"I didn't actually read the novel

until I was in my early 20s and I remember thinking while I read it: 'This is a clarion cry for equal opportunities for women, not a story about a passive female'. I was struck by how modern Jane seemed – her spirit and strong will, her peculiar and brilliant mind striving for personal freedom. She was exactly the sort of person I wanted to be."

In this three hour staging Nadia Clifford, pictured, plays Jane Eyre with Tim Delap as Rochester.

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Trespass at the Grand for chills

Following the success of *The Woman in Black*, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre hosts another ghost story when *Trespass* is staged from August 15 to 21. In Emlyn Williams' play a widow asks a medium to help make contact with her recently deceased husband. The cast includes Rebecca Wheatley from *Casualty*, David Callister, pictured, from *The Bill*, Michelle Morris (*The Knock*) and Judy Buxton (*On The Up*). See grandtheatre.co.uk or call 01902 429212.



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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out. (R) **1.40** Film: Frozen. (2013) Disney animated fantasy adventure, with the voice of Kristen Bell. **3.10** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.40** Songs of Praise. **4.15** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.00** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Countryfile.

6.30 **World Athletics Championships 2017.** Gabby Logan presents coverage of the third night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Great Britain's Katarina Johnson-Thompson will conclude her bid for gold in the heptathlon when she competes in the 800m, but she was expected to face stiff competition throughout the seven disciplines from Belgium's Olympic champion Nafissatou Thiam. Plus, medals are decided in the women's pole vault, and semi-finals take place in the men's 400m and 110m hurdles. With analysis from Michael Johnson, Colin Jackson and Denise Lewis, and commentary by Steve Cram, Andrew Cotter, Brendan Foster and Steve Backley, and reports from Ore Oduba and Phil Jones. Coverage continues on BBC2.

9.00 **Poldark.** Sir Francis places Ross in charge of a group of volunteers to defend the Cornish coast after Prudie and Tholly catch sight of French ships on the horizon. George returns from parliament and is outraged to discover that Drake is living in the smithy on the edge of Trenwith land. However, Tom Harry is only too happy to take on the task of making sure he does not remain there for long. Emma struggles to reconcile her feelings for Sam with their religious differences, and Hugh continues to court Demelza in secret. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 **MOTD: Community Shield Highlights.** Chelsea v Arsenal. Action from the traditional curtain-raiser to the top-flight campaign.

11.15 **Film: The Recruit.** (2003) Thriller, starring Al Pacino and Colin Farrell.

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.05** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** World Athletics Championships 2017. **5.00** Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney. (R)

6.00 **Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge.** Part one of two. The naturalist leads a team of rock climbers across Venezuela's tepuis – sheer-sided mountains surrounded by jungle. In the first episode, he attempts an ascent of a rockface that has never been climbed previously to discover what kind of animals live at the summit. However, to get there he will have to brave wildlife, rapids and a run-in with a rickety biplane. (R)

7.00 **Inside the Factory.** Gregg Wallace and Cherry Healey visit factories to find out how household staples are made and Ruth Goodman examines their history. (R)

8.00 **Secrets of Silicon Valley.** Part one of two. Jamie Bartlett investigates how technology companies are shaping the future of the world, and the potential negative consequences of the drive towards progress.

9.00 **World Athletics Championships 2017.** Gabby Logan presents further coverage of the third night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, including the women's 100m final, which was won by Jamaica's Olympic champion Elaine Thompson two years ago. Plus, the men's shot put final concludes, and double Olympic champion David Rudisha is expected to be involved in the men's 800m semi-finals. With analysis from Michael Johnson, Colin Jackson and Denise Lewis, commentary by Steve Cram, Andrew Cotter, Brendan Foster and Steve Backley, and reports from Ore Oduba.

10.30 **Gareth Thomas: Hate in the Beautiful Game.** Former Wales and Lions rugby union captain Gareth Thomas investigates what is preventing gay footballers from coming out, talking to players, fans and managers in a bid to find out.

11.30 **Golf: Women's Open Highlights.** Elidh Burroughs presents action from the fourth and final day.

12.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.25** Holby City. (R) **2.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Sooty. (R) **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Ninjabo: Rebooted. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **10.20** Long Lost Family. (R) **11.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.20** ITV News: Weather. **12.25** James Martin's French Adventure. (R) **12.55** Rebound. (R) **1.55** Tipping Point. (R) **2.55** Bear Grylls Survival School. (R) **3.25** Film: The Living Daylights. (1987) James Bond adventure, starring Timothy Dalton.

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather. **6.15** ITV News: Weather.

6.30 **The Chase Celebrity Special.** Phil Daniels, Janette Manrara, Isabel Hodgins and Roy Hudd answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.

7.30 **Film: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.** (2009) The young wizard is given the task of uncovering the secrets of Lord Voldemort's past as the evil sorcerer's henchmen cause havoc in both the magical and Muggle worlds. With the help of headmaster Dumbledore, Harry ventures into the memories of those who knew the Dark Lord during his early years, hoping to gain an insight into the secret behind his apparent immortality. However, Voldemort's influence extends much closer to home than expected, as Harry's rival Malfoy is chosen to carry out a sinister mission. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe.

10.25 ITV News: Weather.

10.40 **Judge Rinder's Crime Stories.** Barrister Robert Rinder reveals the story of a gang of criminals who attempted to steal the world's most perfectly formed diamond from the Millennium Dome in November 2000. (R)

11.40 **Take Me Out.** A fitness instructor, a pianist, a research executive and a construction worker submit themselves for approval in front of Paddy McGuinness's panel of 30 single ladies. (R)

12.40 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **6.10** Last Man Standing. **6.35** Cycling: Gigante De Piedra. **7.00** Motor Sport: Arroy Road Race Build-Up. **7.30** Motor Sport: Arroy Road Race 2017. **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** UEFA Women's Euro 2017: The Final Live. Coverage of the showpiece match (Kick-off 4.00pm).

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 **The Mystery of the Crossrail Skulls.** Documentary examining the discovery of dozens of Roman-era skulls by engineers working beneath London's Liverpool Street station. The remains have been identified as dating back to Roman times, but it has yet to be determined who these people were and how their heads ended up buried on the site. Archaeologists examine the bones for evidence of the various theories that have been suggested, questioning whether the skulls belonged to gladiators, executed rebels or the victims of a massacre, or formed part of a grisly ritual. (R)

8.00 **Diana: In Her Own Words.** Documentary featuring never-before-seen footage of Diana, Princess of Wales, recorded by her speech consultant between 1992 and 1993 as she sought to define her public persona and present her own version of events reported in the press, touching on her marriage and experience of public life. The programme also features in-depth interviews with people close to her.

9.50 **Film: The King's Speech.** (2010) The younger son of George V struggles to cope with an uncontrollable stammer, prompting his wife to enlist the aid of an eccentric Australian speech therapist. The support and friendship of the doctor prove invaluable when a crisis places the repressed prince on the throne, just as the outbreak of the Second World War leaves the country in need of a strong king. Oscar-winning fact-based drama, starring Colin Firth.

12.00 **Film: The Anomaly.** (2014) 140 60 Days in Jail. (R) **2.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **3.25** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wessper. (R) **7.05** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.15** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.20** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.30** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.55** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.00** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.40** Floogals. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.15** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **10.20** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.05** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.30** Film: Cheaper By the Dozen 2. (2005) **1.20** The Royals: Young, Rich & Famous. (R) **2.15** Inside Buckingham Palace: The Queen's Worst Year. (R) **3.15** Inside Buckingham Palace. (R) **4.15** Inside Buckingham Palace. (R) **5.10** Film: Dirty Dancing. (1987) Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey.

7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v South Africa. Highlights of the third day's play in the final Test of the four-match series, which took place at Old Trafford in Manchester.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 **Dads Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Compilation of internet videos featuring fathers doing bizarre things, including a showcase of the world's most ridiculous dad dancing and some DIY dentistry using a helicopter to remove a loose tooth. With contributions from comedians Ellie Taylor, Angela Barnes and Dave Spikely. (R)

9.00 **Celebrity Big Brother.** The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

10.00 **The Last Days of Patrick Swazye.** Forensic pathologist Dr Jason Payne-James examines the death of the movie star in 2009 from pancreatic cancer, a condition that had left him all but unrecognisable.

11.05 **Film: Point Break.** (1991) An undercover FBI agent infiltrates a Californian surfing gang to investigate a spate of armed robberies. Kathryn Bigelow's thriller, starring Keanu Reeves.

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **4.00** The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 BBC Proms 2017 **8.30** The Richard Burton Diaries **9.00** Frank Skinner on George Formby **10.00** Babs **11.30** Timeshift: Bouffants, Beelives and Bobs – The Hairstyles That Shaped Britain **12.30** Capability Brown's Unfinished Garden **1.30** Timeshift: How to Be a Lady – An Elegant History **2.30** Frank Skinner on George Formby **3.30** Close

ITV2

1.05 Mr Bean **2.15** You've Been Framed! Gold A to Z of Animals **3.20** Film: Planet 51 (2009) **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25** Film: Planet 51 (2009) **5.10** Film: A Bug's Life (1998) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15** Film: A Bug's Life (1998) **7.15** Film: The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20** Film: The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.50** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Viral Tap **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3

11.45 The Darling Buds of May **12.55** Film: Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) **2.50** Wycliffe **3.55** Foyle's War **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Midsummer Murders **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wire in the Blood **2.00** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **3.45** May the Best House Win **5.25** On the Buses **5.50** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

2.10 Film: The Alamo (1960) **4.20** Film: The Man from the Alamo (1953) **5.20** FYI Daily **5.25** Film: The Man from the Alamo (1953) **6.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **7.05** Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15** Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **9.00** Film: Cliffhanger (1993) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: Cliffhanger (1993) **11.10** Film: Mars Attacks! (1996) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15** Film: Mars Attacks! (1996) **1.20** Car Crash Global **2.15** Hogan's Heroes **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4

12.05 Born in Chelsea: Baby Steps **1.05** Kevin Can Wait **1.35** New Girl **2.35** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Night at the Museum (2006) **10.10** Don't Tell the Bride **11.15** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **12.20** Gogglebox **1.10** Rude Tube **2.15** First Dates **3.10** How I Met Your Mother **3.35** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) **1.00** Short Circuit (1986) **3.00** The Borrowers (1997) **4.40** Small Soldiers (1998) **6.50** G.I. Joe: Retaliation (2013) **9.00** Child 44 (2015) **11.40** The A-Team (2010) **2.00** Wild Bill (2011) **4.00** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

A Healthy Place to Die: The Gourmet Detective, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Charming culinary expert Henry Ross is invited to give a speech at a food conference at a luxury resort, but when a journalist guest goes missing, and later turns up dead, Henry once again finds himself joining forces with no-nonsense police detective Maggie Price to solve the crime. Crime comedy sequel, starring Dylan Neal and Brooke Burns. (2015)

TUESDAY

Spirit Riders, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A rebellious teenager is arrested and for her punishment is sent to an equine therapy camp, where she forms a connection with a spirited thoroughbred horse that she helps to train with the help of the ranch's no-nonsense owner. Family drama, starring Alexandria DeBerry, C Thomas Howell, Lance Henriksen and Olivia Osteen. (2015)



Strictly Ballroom, Friday, BBC1, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY

Broken Trust, Channel 5, 3.15pm
An attorney prepares to take on the biggest case of her career against a major pharmaceutical company, only for the lawyer who taught her everything she knows to be kidnapped. She enlists the aid of her police officer ex-husband in rescuing her mentor, while still ensuring a just outcome to the trial. Thriller, starring Laura Vandervoort. (2012)

THURSDAY

Viva Las Vegas, BBC2, 2.55pm
A charismatic racing driver arrives in the city to prepare for its first grand prix. Unfortunately, his car has no engine, so to make the money to buy one he takes a job as a casino waiter. However, he loses focus when he falls in love, leaving a rival with the means to steal the race and his girl. Musical, starring Elvis Presley. (1964)

FRIDAY

Strictly Ballroom, BBC1, 11.05pm
A ballroom dancer, shunned for his unconventional style, tries to win a championship title with the aid of an awkward novice. Australian comedy, with Paul Mercurio and Tara Morice. (1992)

Robin's theory takes the inquiry in a new direction

Thanks to her roles in Mad Men, the original series of Top of the Lake and The Handmaid's Tale, Elisabeth Moss can claim to have starred in some of the most acclaimed TV shows of the past decade. But looking at her impressive CV, some viewers may wonder if after all that weighty drama, she ever fancies doing something a little bit lighter, like a wacky sitcom.

It seems not – she apparently only signed up for Top of the Lake: China Girl on the understanding that it would be even darker than the first series.

She explains that when writer and director Jane Campion asked her if she would be interested in reprising the role of detective Robin Griffin: "I said I would love to, but it would need to be more challenging than season one, otherwise there would be no point. I remember saying, 'I just want her to be challenged,' and thinking... how Robin could be challenged, what she might be going through."

And it seems Campion did not

disappoint her. Moss says: "Without spoiling anything, the thing that we reveal in the flashback and some things that have happened over the last four years to Robin have put her in this really, really dark place. She's not had an easy life, this girl. So she starts out in Season 2 in this much darker place, and really messed up, so when I was reading it for the first time I was like, yes, yes, yes, yes!"

But it wasn't just the prospect of playing someone deeply troubled and miserable that attracted Moss to the part – there was also the chance to work with Campion again.

The actress says: "There's nobody like Jane. I've had the privilege of working with some very talented and amazing people, both well known and not well known, and there's something about the way that she speaks to you and the way that she guides you on set that isn't like anyone else."

"She has this very in-tune way of guiding you through a scene. She'll say something that makes you go,

'Oh, I didn't think about it that way,' or she'll say 'this is your playground sweetie. Just have fun.'"

However, the characters don't appear to be having much fun in this week's episode as Robin's investigation into the murder of 'China Girl' takes a revealing new turn.

Meanwhile, Julia and Pyke launch an investigation of their own into Puss, the man who plans to marry their teenage daughter. When their findings lead to a public confrontation, Puss storms out – and Mary follows him.

Pyke and Julia are forced to turn to Robin, who begins to discover just how complex motherhood can be. Moss says: "This season is about being a mother and a parent, and it's interesting, going from that very strong theme of season one to an even stronger theme in season two, with all of these plot lines being connected around this central idea. But done in a brilliantly subtle way, which is believable."



Top of the Lake: China Girl, Thursday, BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Eden: Paradise Lost Channel 4, 10pm
It sounds like the premise of a satirical comedy – 23 people sign up for a reality series about creating a new society and spend a year in isolation in a remote part of Britain, unaware that the channel only showed four episodes and then stopped airing the footage. However, it seems the reports from earlier this year claiming that this was the fate of Channel 4's Eden project were very wide of the mark, as Channel 4 is now showing us what really happened. Stripped across the week, the footage shows how the dream turned into a nightmare for the residents of Eden – two people had already left three months into the project, and by the summer of 2016, hunger and divisions had firmly set in, as boatman Anton and carpenter Raph built a winter camp in the woods.

TUESDAY

Trust Me BBC1, 9pm
Some TV addicts may wonder how long Jodie Whittaker's new series sat on the shelf before that big announcement was made the other week. Yes, the one about her becoming the first official female Doctor Who. While the internet went into meltdown,

canny BBC bosses scheduled this new drama, and Ms Whittaker, as usual, is on top form, here playing nurse Cath Hardacre. Driven to desperate measures, she steals the identity of her best friend, an A&E doctor and begins a new life in Edinburgh as Dr Ally Sutton. Blake Harrison from The Inbetweeners also stars.

WEDNESDAY

My Family, Partition and Me: India 1947 BBC1, 9pm
Anita Rani tells the emotional stories of four different families – Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and British colonial – caught up in the violence during the Partition of India, as they travel for the first time to the homes in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh that their families fled in terror. Binita Kane arrives in Bangladesh to investigate what happened when her Hindu father Bim had to flee his ancestral village as a boy. Meanwhile, Mandy Duke heads to Calcutta, scene of some of the worst Partition violence, to uncover the amazing story of her grandfather Arthur Wise. Plus, we also follow Asad Ali Syed and his grandson



Teach My Pet To Do That, Friday, ITV, 8pm

Sameer, two British Muslims with Pakistani heritage, as they journey to the Indian town of Ambala, to search for the house where Asad was born. Finally, Anita investigates the events that led to her own grandfather's first wife, children and her great grandfather losing their lives.

THURSDAY 10 Puppies and Us BBC2, 8pm

Emma Lowe goes in search of a special puppy, wanting one that will act as a therapy dog for her four-year-old son, who has Down's syndrome, and soothe him when he is distressed. Meanwhile, newlyweds Leigh and Bella are forced to call in behaviourist Louise Glazebrook when their new pug Butch Cassidy has trouble sleeping on a night. There are also catch-ups with salon owner Hannah, who is taking on her

third Chihuahua, and psychic Delia as she welcomes the big-breed Leonberger she fell in love with. But as the small puppy grows, she finds herself completely out of her depth.

FRIDAY

Teach My Pet To Do That ITV, 8pm
New series. Animal lover and comedian Alexander Armstrong is joined by a team of specialist pet trainers as they teach a range of animals and pets to pull off incredible tricks. In the first episode, the host welcomes a daschund labrador cross called Eric and a miniature horse call Aslan, as trainers Jo-Rosie Haffenden and Nando Brown attempt to teach them how to answer a door to the cue of a doorbell. Elsewhere in the programme, the trainers hit the road and attempt to train River the cat to ride on the back of Moss the dog.

World Athletics Championships 2017 BBC1, 8.30pm
Gabby Logan presents further coverage of the eighth night at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Defending champions are expected to go head-to-head with Olympic gold medalists in both the women's 200m and 3,000m steeplechase.



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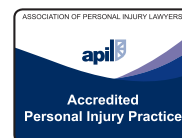
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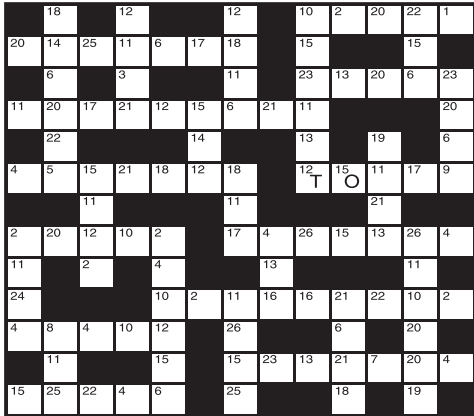


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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

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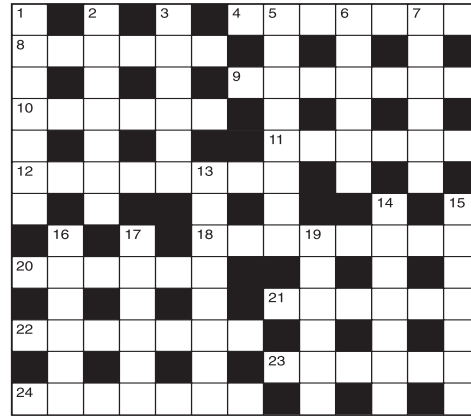
Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. They accompany wild Cortes to the south (7)
8. Charged for being drunk (6)
9. A politician after alternative rhetorical expression (7)
10. What the watch did is marked as correct (6)
11. The top of a sugar-coated cake? (3-3)
12. Not in favour of a little work modelling (8)
18. Fixed a fight and attacked (3,5)
20. Isn't able to keep a girl in bed (6)
21. Top grade fish in poor condition (6)
22. About to do some arithmetic and tell a story (7)
23. Onslaught to put new life into the battery (6)
24. Put one's foot down and made an impression (7)

Down

1. One tail wagging in high spirits! (7)
2. Crazy internationals are tearaways (7)
3. Removes any inclination (6)
5. Seeing about painting being put up in a right line (8)
6. Not in the clique for a start (6)
7. Sailor Brown checked material (6)
13. The cane isn't used for example (8)
14. Artistic work by the shearer? (7)
15. Cause amazement when rags get out of order (7)
16. Half last camping gear in lying out of sight (6)
17. Where the schoolboy may be found to be a tell-tale (6)
19. What attracts the moth to settle (6)



Quick Clues:

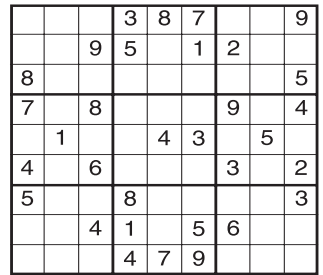
Across

4. An attendant (7)
8. Accustomed (6)
9. Mysterious (7)
10. Dried grape (6)
11. Easement (6)
12. Break (8)
18. Unmindful (8)
20. For each (6)
21. Interior (6)
22. Think true (7)
23. Leave off (6)
24. Brittle (7)

Down

1. Diaphragm (7)
2. Melodious (7)
3. Portray (6)
5. Real (8)
6. Subject to (6)
7. Delicate (6)
13. Vast change (8)
14. Shortfall (7)
15. Views (7)
16. Seem (6)
17. Vision (6)
19. A meal (6)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

9	2	4	1	8	5	7	6	3
1	6	3	2	4	7	8	9	5
5	8	7	9	3	6	4	2	1
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7	9	2	3	5	4	1	8	6
4	3	1	6	9	8	5	7	2

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Small change; 9 Hip; 10 Went to sea; 11 Foods; 13 Rush mat; 14 Affair; 16 Sexton; 18 Sent out; 19 Paris; 20 Editorial; 21 Leo; 22 Rest assured. Down: 2 Map; 3 Lawns; 4 Centre; 5 Artist; 6 Gasometer; 7 Sharp answer; 8 Parting shot; 12 Offensive; 15 Iron out; 17 Stairs; 19 Pilau; 21 Lee.
 QUICK - Across: 1 Substantial; 9 Rye; 10 Attention; 11 Fleet; 13 Emanate; 14 Choice; 16 Advise; 18 Emulate; 19 Toned; 20 Constrain; 21 Fan; 22 Degradatory. Down: 2 Use; 3 Scant; 4 Anthem; 5 Tankard; 6 Agitation; 7 Proficiency; 8 Independent; 12 Eloquence; 15 Chatter; 17 Regard; 19 Tenet; 21 Far.

Quiz

1. In which ocean did the mutiny on the Bounty take place?
2. What type of animal is a marmoset?
3. Which religion is divided between the Digambaras and the Svetambaras?
4. In which country is the Grande Dixence Dam?
5. Of which country is Cape York Peninsula the most northerly mainland point?
6. Of which rodent is the guinea pig a species?
7. Which town is the administrative centre of Cornwall?
8. What do we call the biennial Pastinaca sativa?
9. Who is best known as the author of the Doctor books?
10. The troy pound is used for weighing what?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Anthony Blunt; 2 South American tree; 3 Camel; 4 Uranus; 5 Spain; 6 Sinbad; 7 Oregon; 8 Laurel; 9 7 million pounds; 10 Mars.

Niner: SHIPBOARD

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a poet,
gives a second poet,
gives a third poet.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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£199	£199	£2000*	£16,264.87**	£13,965.87	NIL
Guaranteed Min Future Value	Finance Deposit Allowance	Total Amount Payable	Annual Mileage	Duration of Agreement	Fixed Rate of Interest
£6,298	£2,000*	£17,949.53	5,000*	48 Months	4.12% REPRESENTATIVE

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Brand New
Vauxhall Adam 1.2i Energised 3dr

47 Monthly Payments of	Customer Deposit	Scragpage Allowance	Cash Price	Amount of Credit	Fees
£158	£158	£2000*	£12,253.10**	£10,395.10	NIL
Guaranteed Min Future Value	Finance Deposit Allowance	Total Amount Payable	Annual Mileage	Duration of Agreement	Fixed Rate of Interest
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£229	£229	£2000*	£17,774.30**	£15,055.30	NIL
Guaranteed Min Future Value	Finance Deposit Allowance	Total Amount Payable	Annual Mileage	Duration of Agreement	Fixed Rate of Interest
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Plain sailing – with luxuries on tap

This is the life! OK so it's an expression I've nicked off a well-known TV and radio advert. But, unlike that, I am not referring to an expensive cruise.

Remember the old days caravanning with the family, happy times, but would you want to go back to the cramped conditions and trekking across fields in the middle of the night to the washroom? No way!

These days holiday sites and the latest mobile homes are more like being on a cruise ship – minus the sea of course! I recently spent a week in the New Forest area at Hoburne Bashley in a caravan that was sheer luxury. My husband and I admired the countryside as we weaved our way along the roads with the ponies on either side – or sometimes in the middle of the road. Well it is their home after all.

The journey down there had been virtually trouble free in the sunshine and as we opened the door to our new home for the week the outlook got even brighter.

Step inside this top-rated two bedroom mobile home – new for this season – and it is really is home from home with all the mod cons, including a dishwasher, washing machine, TV in each room and a beautifully-finished large lounge.

But the best was yet to come. As I cornered out of the main bedroom to go into the en suite I found a lovely dressing area – something I would love to have at home – are you listening hubby! Combine that with the outside decking area, perfect for eating al fresco or relaxing with a glass of wine, and you can forget the cruise cabin, this suited me just fine.

And there was so much to do on the site – indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, a beautifully

Lovely outdoor pool close to the indoor one



Sheer luxury – lounge area is very spacious



kept nine-hole golf course and plenty more for the little ones, as well as a restaurant on site and evening shows from the very talented entertainments team.

I remember fondly previous holidays at the various Hoburne sites and although this time it was different with no little ones in tow it was lovely in a different way as two good friends joined us for a few days. In fact the company does also offer adult-only holidays but personally I love to see the kids enjoying themselves.

We were lucky to have brilliant weather all week so ventured out to the many places nearby. Bournemouth

is just down the coast. But we headed closer to the site to the lovely towns of Lymington and Ringwood and the nearby beaches. Of course we could not be in the area without visiting the popular Beaulieu Motor Museum, with the earliest motor carriages to classic family saloons, and its sister attraction, the unspoilt haven of Buckler's Hard which remains a 'living' village.

Closer to the site, in fact just down the road in New Milton, is the fascinating Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum, well worth a visit. Don't think that just because you are not an avid biking fan you won't enjoy this as

there are so many other items from across the years on show. On the way to shop at Ringwood we stopped off at the quaint village of Burley and spent a fun afternoon on the murder mystery trail.

The last day, feeling energetic, we hired bikes from The Woods Cyclery in Lyndhurst and headed off through the forest. Back on site my husband went off to get yet MORE golf practice while I enjoyed unwinding in the sauna and jacuzzi. As I said this is the life!

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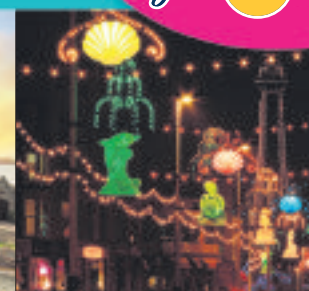
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Spacious home in picturesque village has been extended

Spacious and extended, Kingsmead in Francis Green Lane, Penkridge, is a three-bedroomed traditional semi-detached house with superb gardens in a much sought-after picturesque village.

It is for sale through Boot & Son at £320,000.

It has an entrance porch, reception hall, three bedrooms, a lounge, a re-fitted family bathroom, a dining room, separate WC, fitted kitchen, utility, a detached garage, superb mature gardens, double glazing and gas central heating.

In more detail the reception hall has a storage cupboard. The lounge has a feature fire surround with a marble hearth and inset a natural flame-effect gas fire and French windows. The room has partial oak block flooring, currently covered by carpet.

With a further feature fire surround with a marble hearth and natural flame-effect gas fire, the dining room has a bay window and oak block flooring that is currently covered by carpet.

The kitchen has a range of base units, drawers, laminate working surfaces, an inset sink with mixer taps, wall cupboards, ceramic tiled flooring and has the utility room off. This also has ceramic tiled flooring.

Upstairs, bedroom one has a bay window. Bedroom two has built-in wardrobes and there is a further third bedroom. Being re-fitted, the family bathroom has a white suite incorporating a panelled bath, a corner shower cubicle with shower mixer taps over and a vanity unit. There is also a fully tiled re-fitted separate WC.

Outside, is a detached garage and superb, well stocked mature gardens incorporating lawns, a paved patio, flower borders and numerous mature ornamental trees and shrubs. The rear garden is enclosed with close board fencing/screen hedging/screen walling and the property is approached via a tarmacadam driveway/parking area.

PENKRIDGE £320,000



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Beautifully presented three-bedroom semi

CANNOCK
£177,500

A beautifully presented three-bedroom semi-detached house, 13 Bideford Way, Cannock, is in "move-in" condition and comes with a recently fitted kitchen and shower room.

It is for sale through the selling agents, DB Roberts & Partners of Cannock, at £177,500.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, an open plan lounge/diner, a conservatory and a kitchen to the ground floor.

To the first floor are three bedrooms and a shower room. Outside, the property has a driveway to the front, enabling off-street parking and a low maintenance garden to the rear.

Contact DB Roberts & Partners at their Cannock office on 01543 469966 or visit www.dbroberts.co.uk



Rear garden is a feature of spacious detached home

CANNOCK
£260,000

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Being beautifully presented, this spacious detached property in Haymaker Way, Wimblebury, Cannock, is for sale through Jayman at offers over £260,000.

Its accommodation briefly comprises of a downstairs WC, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen/diner, a utility room, a conservatory, four bedrooms, two en-suites and a family bathroom.

The property also benefits from an integral garage and also has a well-maintained rear garden.

The selling agents are expecting a lot of interest to be shown in the sale of this home.

A spokesman for the selling agents said: "This ideal family home must be viewed to appreciate what it has to offer."

For further details call the agents on 01543 505566 or visit www.jayman.co.uk

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Appealing bungalow located in sought-after area

In a sought-after location, this two/three-bedroomed bungalow in Wellington Drive, Cannock, is deceptively spacious and well presented throughout.

Being extended, it is for sale through Webbs at £255,000.

Situated on the edge of Cannock town centre, being close to all amenities and bus routes, its accommodation briefly comprises a reception hallway, a generous kitchen with a dining area, a lounge, guest WC, a study, two bedrooms, a

CANNOCK
£255,000

bathroom and a loft bedroom with a dressing area.

Outside there is a garage, landscaped gardens and a driveway.

In more detail, the lounge is a good size and has a picture window facing the front elevation and a feature fire surround with a marble effect insert and hearth housing a living flame

gas fire, creating a focal point for the room.

The kitchen/diner has been extended by the current owners, creating a sizeable space.

The property has ample parking space to the front and the front garden is bordered by a low level brick wall.

For further information, or to book a viewing, contact the selling agents Webbs on 01543 468846 or visit www.webbsestateagents.co.uk

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- Lounge, Kitchen/diner
- Family bathroom
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Enclosed rear garden
- Driveway to fore
- Cannock Centre location
- Viewing highly recommended

£240,000

NORTON CANES
HEDNESFORD ROAD



- A traditional 3 bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Open views to front
- Good sized rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£150,000

CANNOCK
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD



- Much improved Two bedroomed
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- Two reception rooms
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- NO CHAIN
- Awaiting EPC rating

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HEATH HAYES
FIRECREST CLOSE



- A spacious four bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
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FLAT 4 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE



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- ◆ Communal hall, stairs and landing
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- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
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1 WOODSTOCK DRIVE, HUNTINGTON



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Located in Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

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- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built on garage
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In Popular Cul-De-Sac On The Edge Of This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

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- ◆ Landscaped private rear gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ and intruder alarm
- ◆ EPC rating C (72)

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44 SHAWS LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



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Convenient For Wide Range of Local Facilities

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- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted shower room
- ◆ Sun lounge and cellar storage area
- ◆ Gardens and off road parking
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Viewing recommended
- ◆ EPC rating F (27)

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126 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK



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Located in Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town

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- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and separate toilet
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Well stocked south facing rear garden
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (57)

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86 PLATT STREET, HEDNESFORD



TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR POSITION
Convenient For Access to Facilities

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Kitchen and utility room
- ◆ Dining room/possible bedroom 3
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens and off road parking
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating F (34)

£166,950 FREEHOLD

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IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED COTTAGE REPUTEDLY DATING FROM THE LATE 18TH CENTURY AND CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED IN THE 1970'S
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- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Utility Room & cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Extensive off road parking & well stocked gardens
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating F (37)

£399,950 FREEHOLD

52 MILL CRESCENT, HEATH HAYES



END MEWS HOUSE OFFERING TWO BEDROOMS Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Access to Local Facilities

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ All windows double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (48)

£139,950 FREEHOLD

12 ULLSWATER PLACE, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in popular Cul-De-Sac convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ L shaped lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built on garage
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (63)

£234,950 FREEHOLD

2 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY



ATTRACTIVE WELL EQUIPPED PARK HOME ON ESTABLISHED PARK HOME SITE ADJACENT TO CANAL TWO PATH WITHIN A SHORT WALK OF TOWN CENTRE AND WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES

- ◆ Canopy porch
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Utility
- ◆ Gas fired central heating (LPG)
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Allocated parking (No pets allowed)
- ◆ For persons aged 50 and over

£76,950 LEASEHOLD

430 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD



WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING SECLUDED POSITION IN PRIVATE DRIVE Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford, Heath Hayes and Cannock Centres

- ◆ Side reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Possible garage space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (72)

£164,950 FREEHOLD

THE OLD POST OFFICE, 40 HILL STREET, HEDNESFORD



SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OF CHARACTER OFFERING THREE RECEPTION ROOMS AND FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS
Occupying Corner Plot Gardens With Range of Outbuildings Conveniently Located for Facilities in Much Sought After Residential Area

- ◆ Three reception rooms
- ◆ Kitchen and rear porch/utility
- ◆ Cloaks/shower room
- ◆ Four double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and separate toilet
- ◆ Corner plot gardens with extensive off road parking
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (51)

£350,000

24 HAWTHORNE ROAD, CHESLYN HAY



WELL MAINTAINED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE located in Popular Area of The Village

- ◆ Canopy porch & entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Well stocked gardens & off road parking
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (67)

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4 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE



TWO BEDROOM BARN CONVERSION
Located On The Picturesque Country Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Landings
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Enclosed foregarden
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: B (62)

£595pcm (Plus Service Charge)

9A COPPICE CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Sited At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Landscaped gardens
- Carport & extensive off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (64)

£775pcm

39 TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (63)

£475pcm

45 NORTON TERRACE, NORTON CANES



DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM MID TOWN HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Garden to front
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (71)

£450pcm

4 BRADBURY COURT, HEDNESFORD



FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
located In Private Cul-De-Sac

- Reception hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge and dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Utility room
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & family bathroom
- Integral garage and gardens
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DD
- EPC rating D (59)

£825pcm

10 SPIRES CROFT, SHARESILL



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Refitted open plan dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- Refitted family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Well stocked mature gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (64)

£1300pcm

6 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE



ATTRACTIVE THREE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Sited On The Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Guests cloakroom
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (75)

£645pcm (Plus Service Charge)

40A OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED SELF CONTAINED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area With Views Of Cannock Park To Rear

- Entrance hall
- Landing
- Open plan Lounge/kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- One car parking space
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (76)

£475pcm

16 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- All windows double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (71)

£650pcm

11 VICTORIA TERRACE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN



WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS SECOND FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Transport Links & Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated secure parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD



WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

17 HIGHFIELD AVENUE, BURNTWOOD



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Side verandah
- Bathroom & separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£695pcm

76 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (72)

£695pcm

8 RAILWAY STREET, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Originally Built In The Popular Inter War Period Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (52)

£625pcm

339 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Garage
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

34 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Lounge
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Large gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (62)

£625pcm

1 CLOCK MEWS, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE



SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Sited On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Communal grounds & parking
- EPC rating: C (69)

£650pcm (Plus Service Charge)

35 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Offering Well Equipped Accommodation Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Sitting room & living room
- Double glazed conservatory
- L-shaped breakfast kitchen
- Utility room/cloaks room
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Extensive parking and garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (57)

£1400pcm

232 HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED AND PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Gardens & off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: tbc

£595pcm

11 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK



TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR FLAT
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Secure entry system
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

48 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Ground floor WC
- Three double bedrooms
- Refitted family bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets, smokers or children
- EPC rating: F (35)

£695pcm

50 GLADSTONE ROAD, HEATH HAYES



WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Detached garage
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (66)

£695pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD



WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£850pcm



Link detached house is beautifully presented

CANNOCK
£195,000

This beautifully presented link detached property in Ansty Drive, Cannock, is for sale through Jayman at £195,000.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a lounge, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. It also has a driveway to the fore, a rear garden and a garage.

In more detail the lounge has a double-glazed bow window and a gas fire.

With a double glazed window overlooking the rear, the kitchen includes an integrated oven and hob, tiled flooring and patio doors opening into the conservatory. The conservatory has French doors opening onto a decking area and tiled flooring.

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Four-bedroom bungalow on a corner plot has been extended

BURNTWOOD
£260,000

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Set in a corner plot behind a fore garden, this delightful extended detached bungalow in Cannock Road, Burntwood, is for sale through Paul Carr at £260,000.

Upon entering into a spacious entrance hallway, there are doors leading to all four bedrooms, the shower room and the lounge/dining room. This is of a good size and has a feature fireplace, wooden ceiling beams and views of the side garden.

From the lounge/dining room is a door leading into the kitchen which has triple aspect windows overlooking the gardens, the back door leads into the gardens. It has fully fitted base units and spaces for appliances. The family shower room has a white suite, wash basin and WC.

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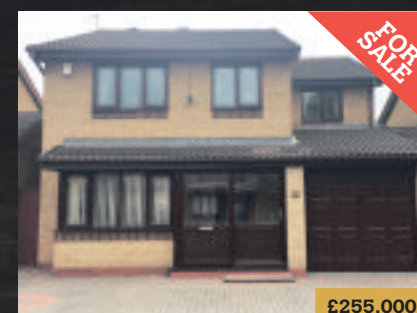
- Rushmoor, Telford, TF6 5EP
- 3 Bedroom cottage. NO CHAIN.
- Must be viewed.



SOLD
Subject to contract

£135,000

- Trinity Road, Willenhall, WV12 5QL
- 3 bedroom semi-detached with garage, downstairs toilet and shower room.
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Heath Hayes Stafford Street






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3 1 2 EPC B

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3 1 1 EPC F

£165,000


Heath Hayes Hodson Way



3 1 1 EPC C

£149,995

Cannock Wordsworth Close



2 1 1 EPC D

£145,000

Cannock Station Court




3 2 2 EPC TBA

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- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Parking
- NO CHAIN
- Viewing Recommended

\$160,000

NEW

CANNOCK
JAMES STREET

- Traditional Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen, Utility
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Wet Room
- Large Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

\$130,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
CHASE AVENUE






- Semi detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hallway,
- Through Lounge Diner,
- Conservatory
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Bathroom,
- Three Bedrooms
- Dressing Room/Nursery,
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Detached Double Garage

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- Detached family Home
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- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Separate WC
- Rear Garden
- Garage

\$210,000

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- Modern Semi
- Show Home Standard
- Lounge Diner
- Conservatory
- Play room / 2nd Sitting Room
- Three Bedroos
- Re Fitted En Suite
- Landscape Gardens
- Viewing is Essential

ASKING PRICE \$190,000

NEW

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- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Motivated Seller
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

\$159,995

HEDNESFORD
ST.THOMAS DRIVE






- 4 Bed Detached
- Close to Cannock
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility, WC
- En-Suite
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

\$240,000

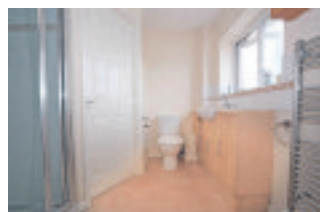
HEDNESFORD
BOND WAY




- 2 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Shower Room
- Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway
- Viewing Recommended

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LINDEN VIEW


- Extended four bedroom home
- Kitchen Family Room
- Utility Guest W.C.
- En- Suite Shower Room
- Dressing Room
- Integral garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

\$190,000
HEATH HYES
REDBROOK CLOSE


- Detached Bungalow
- Entrance,
- Refitted Kitchen,
- Spacious Lounge Diner,
- Two Bedrooms
- Refitted Shower Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway
- Detached Garage.

\$199,950
CANNOCK
JOHN STREET


- 3 Bed Detached
- Porch, Hall
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage

\$169,950
HUNTINGTON
THISTLE DRIVE


- family Home
- Hallway,
- Lounge Diner,
- Breakfast Kitchen,
- Guest WC,
- Six Bedrooms,
- Family Bathroom, TWO Ensuites.
- Landscaped Gardens.

\$270,000
CANNOCK
ULLSWATER PLACE


- Spacious Detached
- Through
- Hallway, WC
- Dining Room,
- Lounge/Diner
- Study Area
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms.

\$239,950
HEATH HAYES
DENBURY CLOSE


- Link
- Detached House
- Lounge,
- Dining Room
- Sitting Room/Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Kitchen Diner

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PENKRIDGE
PILLATON HOUSE


- First Floor
- Village Location
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedooms
- En-Suite
- Bathroom
- NO CHAIN

\$149,000
HEATH HAYES
ACORN CLOSE


- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Generous Gardens
- Offered with NO CHAIN.

\$130,000
CHESLYN HAY
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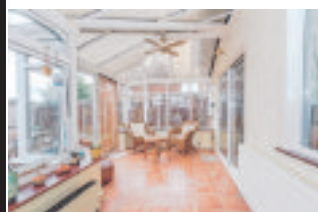

- Detached
- Family Home
- Sought
- After Location
- Through Hallway
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room

\$375,000
CANNOCK
PYE GREEN ROAD


- Traditional Property
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
- 4 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking
- Rear Garden

\$135,000
CANNOCK
HOLLINGWORTH MEWS


- Well Presented
- Entrance,
- Modern Kitchen,
- Spacious Lounge Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms and
- Family Bathroom,
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Parking is provided by allocated space.

\$140,000
GREAT WYRLEY
FAIROAKS DRIVE


- Entrance Porch,
- Hallway,
- Dining Room
- Lounge, Conservatory.
- Three Bedrooms,
- En-suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom.
- Rear Garden
- Garage Driveway

\$194,950
CANNOCK
HOLLINGSWORTH MEWS


- Ground Floor Apartment
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Private Gardens
- Allocated Parking

\$124,950
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GRANGE COURT


- Spectacular location
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen Diner
- Conservatory
- Six Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master Bedroom
- Family Bathroom
- Set in Quiet Cul-De-Sac

\$500,000

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WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Electric Heaters
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating G

£350 pcm

WOODFORD END, CHADSMOOR

- One Bed GFF
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C

£370 pcm

WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C

£425 pcm

ANDREWS COURT, BRIDGTOWN

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- DG, Parking
- Energy Rating C

£460 pcm

CECIL STREET, CANNOCK

- 2 Bed Terraced
- Lounge/Dining room
- Kitchen/Utility
- GCH, DG
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS/Pets

£475 pcm

CECIL STREET, CHADSMOOR

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Garden, Parking
- Energy Rating D

£475 pcm

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Semi
- Two Reception
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Gardens, Driveway

£550 pcm

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Utility, E-Suite
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking

£550 pcm

HARPERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

- 2Bed FF Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating C
- Sorry No DSS/Pets

£550 pcm

SCHOOL LANE, CHASE TERRACE

- Two Bed Bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Driveway,

£650 pcm

CANNOCK ROAD, HEATH HAYES

- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Ensuite to Master
- GCH/DG
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS/Pets.

£725 pcm

BELLBROOK, PENKTRIDGE

- 2/3 Bed End Terrace
- Lounge/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Sitting Room
- Bathroom
- Gardens & Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£750 pcm

PHEASANT WAY, HEATH HAYES

- Three Bed Mid
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge, Guest WC
- Bathroom, En-Suite
- Driveway,

£780 pcm

WHITETHORN CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Three Bed Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Conservatory
- Guest WC,

£780 pcm

WORDSWORTH CLOSE, ARMITAGE

- Three Bed Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Conservatory
- Re-Fitted

£800 pcm

PEBBLE MILL DRIVE, CANNOCK

- Four Bed Detached
- Sought After Location
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Bathroom & WC

£800 pcm

BADGERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

- A Modern Well Presented First Floor Apartment
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen, Two Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Communal Gardens, Allocated Parking
- NO CHAIN

OIEO £98,000

WESTMINSTER ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen, Side Entrance/Utility Area

£129,950

PENDLE HILL, HEDNESFORD

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£169,950

BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES

- A Deceptively Spacious Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- GCH & D/G
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Sun Room
- Three Bedrooms & Wet Room
- Delightful Rear Garden & Driveway
- No Upward Chain

OIRO £135,000

STEVENS DRIVE, HEDNESFORD

- An Extended Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Family Room
- Modern Fitted Breakfast Kitchen

£149,950

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- A deceptively spacious well presented detached house
- Porch, entrance hall, extended
- Utility Room, Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Generous Conservatory
- Three bedrooms, shower room
- Delightful rear gardens, driveway
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

Offers in Excess of £180,000

DOVE HOLLOW, HEDNESFORD

SOLD S.T.C

- A Delightful Two Bedroom End Town House
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen, Lounge-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom with Separate Shower
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway

£140,000

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
- Reception Hall & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility
- Area
- Impressive Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Driveway & Gardens

£163,995

PENDLE HILL, HEDNESFORD

- A Well Presented Three Bed Semi Detached House
- Lounge/Kitchen/Diner
- Sun Room, Guest WC
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway & Driveway

£169,950

GREENWOOD PARK, HEDNESFORD

- A Very Well Presented Four Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Guest WC

£175,000

MARSHWOOD CLOSE, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated on a Good Sized Corner Plot with potential to extend subject to planning
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Detached Garage & Driveway
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- Modernisation Needed, NO

OIRO £210,000

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBURY

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£215,000

THISTLE DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

- A Beautifully Presented Three Storey Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Kitchen/Diner, Spacious Lounge

£180,000

SHIRE CLOSE, CANNOCK

- A Modern Extremely Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Impressive Kitchen-Diner
- Three Bedrooms

£189,950

KEYS CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- A Modern Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Reception Hallway, Guest WC, Lounge
- Dining Room, Conservatory
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Gardens

£259,950

OLD HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Fully Refurbished Detached Family Residence.
- Reception Hall, Guest WC, Lounge
- Impressive Kitchen/Diner, Utility

£365,000

ST JOHNS CLOSE, CANNOCK

- A Newly Built and Individually Designed Detached Corner Bungalow
- Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Room/Bedroom Two, Two Further Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- First Floor Bedroom, Luxury Bathroom

£240,000

KEYS CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- A Modern Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Reception Hallway, Guest WC, Lounge
- Dining Room, Conservatory
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- Gardens

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- Two or Three Storey Available
- High Specification
- One Four Bedroom Detached
- Please Call The Office For Further Details

Prices From £215,000



Meriden Close, Cannock

- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- 3 Reception Rooms

£255,000



- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - TBC



Hatton Road, Cannock

- Detached Family Home
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Very Popular Location
- Close To Cannock Chase
- Carport & Garage

£249,950



NEW BUILDS Chapel Court, Chasetown

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- A 2 Bed Detached Bungalow
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- A 3 Bed Terrace Home
- A 3 Bed End Terrace Homes
- 10 Year NHBC Warranty

From £189,950



Rowan Close, Huntington

- Four Bed Detached Home
- Stylish Dining Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge & Conservatory
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Garage & Downstairs WC
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Close To Cannock Chase
- Immaculately Presented

£210,000



Pebblemill Close, Cannock

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Close To Cannock Town
- No Upward Chain
- Fitted Kitchen & Dining Area

£200,000



New Plant Lane, Chase Terrace

- Modern Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Immaculate Condition
- Lounge/Diner
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Popular Location

£189,950



Hednesford Road, Norton Canes

- Detached Three Bedroom House
- Views To The Front Over Field
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Gas Central Heating System

£179,950



Heath Gap Road, Cannock

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Dining Kitchen
- Extensive Private Rear Garden
- Very Well Presented

£176,950



Bath Road, Cannock

- Three Bedrooms
- Corner Plot Position
- Wet Room & Bathroom
- Stunning Modern Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Landscaped Rear Garden

£160,000



Rosemary Avenue, Stafford

- Corner plot - cul de sac location
- Kitchen/diner
- Spacious lounge
- Two double bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Ample parking on driveway

£650pcm sorry no DSS & no pets



Belt Road, Cannock

- Traditional semi detached
- Large lounge with woodburner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking

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- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- No Chain Involved

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Barnard Way, Cannock

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Store Room
- Ideal Buy To Let
- Tenant in, Paying £500
- Private Garden

£87,500



Stafford Lane, Hednesford

- Traditional semi detached home
- Kitchen / breakfast room with appliances
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Garage and driveway
- Available May 2017

£750pcm Sorry no dss and no pets



Chapel Street, Cannock

- Detached bungalow
- Large lounge
- Kitchen/ diner
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Master bedroom with ensuite

825pcm Sorry no pets and no DSS



Cannock Road, Hednesford

- First floor apartment
- Open plan kitchen & lounge
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- No off road parking
- Available soon

£425pcm Sorry no dss and no pets



Blackfords Court, Cannock

- Second floor apartment
- Spacious lounge
- Open plan kitchen/lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Available now.

£495pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Stephenson Way, Hednesford

- Ground floor apartment
- Close to Hednesford train station
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen with appliances
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking

£540pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Coronation Road, Stafford

- Modern terrace house
- Lounge with gas fire
- Kitchen with cooker and hob
- Two bedrooms
- Parking
- Available to view

£600pcm Sorry no dss and no pets



Quarry Close, Cheslyn Hay

- Semi detached house
- Lounge & Dining room
- Kitchen with cooker
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage
- Available now

£695pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Boney Hay Road, Burntwood

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Garden

£695pcm Sorry no dss and No pets

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Penkridge Bank Road, Slitting Mill

£439,995

NEW
PRICE



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and spacious dormer detached bungalow in a semi rural location on the edge of Cannock Chase. Barton Lodge as the property is known has been updated and improved overtime by the current vendors and offers flexible accommodation with three bedrooms, two reception rooms, large conservatory, two bathrooms and breakfast kitchen, viewing essential

Highland Way, Rugeley

£164,950

NO
CHAIN



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom link detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Porch, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility Room. Landing to Three bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

Jeffrey Close, Rugeley

£136,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Close to local amenities and having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking and Gardens to front and rear

Vicars Croft, Rugeley

£249,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this four bedroom detached family home, situated in a sought after location and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Two Garages and

Setterfield Way, Brereton

£105,000

SOLD



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this one bedroom terraced bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Entrance Hallway, Shower Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Bedroom. Gardens to front and rear with on road parking

Pear Tree Court, Rugeley

£109,995

SOLD



● JR Properties are pleased to market this two bedroom ground floor apartment, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Ideal for First Time Buyers or Investors. Having Communal Entrance, Entrance Hallway, Open Plan Lounge to Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Bedroom Two and Bathroom. Allocated Parking

Thorn Close, Rugeley

£229,950

MUST
BE
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● JR Properties are pleased to market this four bedroom detached family home, situated in a cul de sac WITH NO CHAIN. Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Bedroom Four, Dining Room, Lounge and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Garden

Church Street, Rugeley

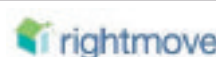
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● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this detached traditional bungalow situated on a large garden plot offering lots of potential and scope for improvement/development (all subject to planning). Offered with No Upward Chain the bungalow requires modernisation and features double glazing and gas central heating.

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Glenhaven, Rugeley

£275,000

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom detached bungalow, situated on a good sized corner plot and having DETACHED GRANNY ANNEX. Having Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Bathroom and Inner Hallway to Three Bedrooms. Driveway to Gardens front and rear. ANNEX being self contained with Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom and Two Bedrooms

Chester Road, Rugeley

£269,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this four bedroom detached family home, being situated in a sought after area. Entrance Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Master with ensuite, second and third bedrooms with jack and jill ensuite and main bathroom, study room and Gardens, must be viewed

Wetherall Close, Rugeley

£175,000

SOLD



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off road parking to Garage and Garden to rear

Waverley Gardens, Etching Hill

£169,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this two bedroom link detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and in the sought after location of Etchinghill. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Kitchen, Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear, with open aspect.



Watkiss Drive, Rugeley

£144,950

NEW PRICE



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, situated in a cul de sac location, close to local amenities. Having Porch, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for several vehicles to Carport and Garden to rear

Charnwood Close, Etching

£164,950

NEW PRICE



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom semi detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Lounge, Conservatory and Fitted Kitchen. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

Wetherall Close, Rugeley

£164,950

SOLD



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom link detached home, situated in a sought after location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Carport and Gardens to front and rear.

Cannock Road, Heath Hayes

£370,000

NEW PRICE



● JR Properties Distinctive Homes are pleased to market this NEW BUILD FAMILY HOME, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Must be viewed to appreciate as individually designed and offering flexible living space. CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT TODAY AND AVOID BEING DISAPPOINTED

Hawkesmore Drive, Little Haywood

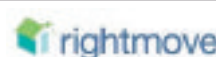
£265,000

MUST BE VIEWED



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached home, situated in a cul de sac location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

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£360,000

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Offers in the Region Of £335,000

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Offers in Excess of £315,000

St Christopher Close RAWNSLEY



Immaculately presented four bedroom detached family home / Enivable corner plot in quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated & finished to high modern standard / Driveway for up to six vehicles / Integral garage

£295,000

Sycamore Hill CANNOCK WOOD



Three bedroom detached bungalow / no onward chain / Modern fitted kitchen-diner / Victorian style conservatory / Charming well maintained private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £285,000

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Immaculately Presented Five Bedroom Detached House / Set Over Three Storeys / Five Double Bedrooms / Driveway With Ample Parking / Single Garage / Modern Open Plan Kitchen-Diner

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Chester Road RUGELEY



Spacious & superbly maintained four bedroom detached house / Set on modern sought after development / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Large breakfast kitchen / En-suite to master

Offers in the Region Of £260,000

Wellington Drive CANNOCK



Extended & immaculately presented three bedroom detached bungalow / Finished to good standard / Superb open plan dining kitchen / Spacious lounge & bedrooms / Useful attic room

Offers in the Region Of £255,000

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£232,995

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£199,950

The Lindens RUGELEY



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Beech Pine Close HEDNESFORD



Recently refurbished and well presented three bedroom semi detached family home / Spacious lounge and separate dining room / Large utility room

£185,000

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Well presented three bedroom link detached house / Set on popular residential area / Lounge-diner / Private driveway with parking for up to three vehicles / Private two tier rear garden

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Three bedroom end terraced house / Sought after location / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted kitchen, bathroom & guest w/c,

£165,000

Harrow Close BRERETON



Three bedroom detached house / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / NHBC guarantee with 3-4 years remaining / Tastefully decorated lounge-diner,

Offers in the Region Of £160,000

Chapel Street HEATH HAYES



Semi detached character property / Large rear garden ideal for entertaining / Modern breakfast kitchen and bathroom / Two double bedrooms with w/c to the master

£140,000

Anglesey Street HEDNESFORD



Two Bedroom End Terraced House / Stunning Communal Gardens / Exclusive Private Mews Development / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

£125,000

Pheasant Way HEATH HAYES



Modern sought after development / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Two double bedrooms / Spacious lounge-diner / Off road allocated parking

£120,000

Watson Close RUGELEY



Two bedroom semi detached house / Modern fitted kitchen / Spacious lounge / Driveway with parking for two vehicles / Private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £120,000

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Offers Around £110,000

Ground Floor Flat
Two Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Parking
EPC C

Mountside Street, Hednesford



Offers Around £130,000

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Large Kitchen / Diner

Utility
Off Road Parking
EPC E

Leasowe Road, Rugeley



Offers Around £125,000

Terraced Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Front & Rear Gardens
EPC D

Devon Road, Wednesbury



Offers Around £130,000

Semi Detached Property
Two Bedrooms
Beautifully Presented

Private Rear Garden
Off Road Parking
EPC D

York Road, Cannock



Offers Around £150,000

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Rear Garden
EPC D

River View, Penkridge

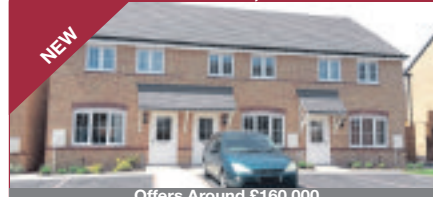


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New Build Property
Two Bedrooms
Lounge / Diner

Fitted Kitchen
Shower Room
Awaiting EPC

Matthews Drive, Cannock



Offers Around £160,000

End Terrace Property
Two Bedrooms
Brand New

Shared Ownership Available
Off Road Parking
Awaiting EPC

Rectory Gardens, Rugeley



Offers Around £160,000

Terraced Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Garage
EPC E

Norton East Road, Cannock



Offers Around £170,000

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Utility
Garage
EPC D

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SHAWS LANE, GREAT WYRLEY
Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Rear Garden
EPC D

Offers Around
£177,000

Badgers Way, Heath Hayes



Offers Around £190,000

Link Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Conservatory
EPC D

John Street, Cannock



Offers Around £185,000

Domer Semi Detached Bungalow
Four Bedrooms
Fitted Kitchen

Rear Garden
Garage
EPC E

Ansty Drive, Cannock



Offers Around £195,000

Link Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Garage
EPC D

Chase Side Drive, Rugeley



Offers Around £220,000

Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Kitchen/Breakfast

Integral Garage
Private Rear Garden
EPC D

Pye Green Road, Cannock



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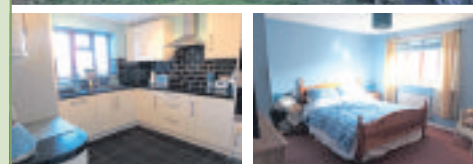
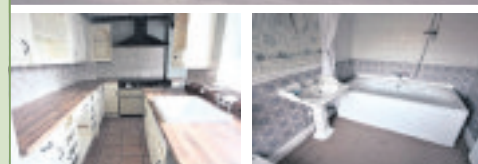
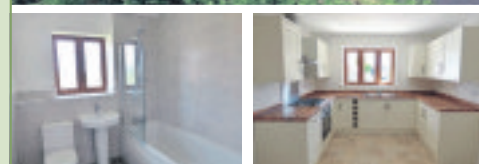
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Skoda fuels fleet with new engines

By James Parker

Škoda UK has launched petrol engine variants of the highly popular Octavia and Superb SE Tech models for fleet customers. Cost, practicality and safety are key components in the make-up of the models, designed with business customers in mind even though the future of diesel and petrol is still unsure.

Fleet customers now have the option of petrol engines for both SE Tech hatch and estate models in the multi-award winning Octavia and Superb. The new generation direct-injection turbocharged TSI petrol engines offer drivers refinement, performance and flexibility, resulting in a quiet, fuel-efficient and dynamic drive, ideal for high-speed motorways or country and town roads.

The popular Octavia estate 1.0 TSI 115PS DSG uses a seven speed automatic gearbox, which enables it to achieve up to 65.7 mpg on the combined cycle and 108 g/km CO2 with enough power to deliver 0-62 mph in just 10.2 seconds. The estate model offers low p11d values starting from £20,755 with a BIK rate of 23%. Also available is the 1.4 TSI 150PS with manual and DSG gearbox. From 26 July, an all-new 1.5 litre engine featuring active cylinder technology (ACT) will join the line-up and will be available with a manual gearbox and offer p11d values starting at just £19,615 for the hatch and £20,815 for the estate. The DSG version will be introduced in the Autumn.

The Škoda Superb is available with a 1.4 TSI engine that delivers an impressive 150PS and achieves 0-62mph in less than nine seconds. Performance and practicality are combined with privacy glass and a leather and Alcantara interior, and the estate boasts a class-leading



Octavia petrol Se Tech

660 litre boot space (1,950 litres with the seats down).

Henry Williams, Škoda head of fleet, said: "We have added petrol engines to the Škoda fleet range due to increasing demand from customers. Octavia and Superb already offer a formidable package and by adding even more choice we are demonstrating our commitment to respond to the changing market and the needs of our customers."

Both Superb and Octavia are the perfect companions for business, combining useful tech and the spacious interior that is synonymous with the Škoda model line-up. Each features an 8-inch touchscreen navigation system as standard and the inclusion of SmartLink+ which links to both Apple CarPlayTM and Android AutoTM, plus a MAXI-Dot Trip computer system, to bring the office on the road with you.

For peace of mind for drivers and fleet managers, the new Octavia offers a range of driver assist systems as standard to optimise driving efficiency and safety. Features include Front assist, which uses radar technology to



Superb saloon and estate petrol SE Tech

monitor distances from the vehicle in front and will automatically slow the car down if it detects a possible collision. Front assist with pedestrian protection also warns the driver when a pedestrian attempts to dangerously cross the path of car, and will emit a combined audio and visual signal as well as a gentle jolt of the brakes to keep both parties safe.

As well as a class-leading boot space of 1,580 litres (hatch) with the seats down (590 with seats up) the new Octavia features LED

daytime running lights, front and rear parking sensors, and adaptive cruise control – ideal to maintain efficiency on longer journeys.

The Škoda Superb's award-winning design boasts technical sophistication too, with Wi-Fi and phone signal booster to keep drivers synced with their business whilst on the road, as well as a multifunctional steering wheel that connects to the 8-inch touch screen infotainment system. To make life even easier, additional features include, umbrellas in both

front doors and keyless entry. To help keep drivers alert and safe on the road, Superb offers Blind Spot Detection as well as Smart Light Assist, which enables the driver to see further ahead when driving in the dark and alerts to any upcoming obstacles. Traffic Jam assist uses sensors to detect your surroundings and automatically aligns you to the centre of the lane and assists in braking when traffic is slowing down or comes to a stop in front of you.

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308 is sharp, stylish and imposing

By Dave Brown

We're big fans of the 308 hatchback and estate and although it has proved a sought-after member of the Peugeot range here in the UK, it hasn't quite hit the heights it has reached in its home country, where it sits proudly at the top of its segment in terms of popularity.

On this side of the channel, it is certainly in the top 10, but, as the company admits, 'closer to 10 than one'. Perhaps the comprehensive refresh and price reductions announced this summer will get things moving in the right direction.

The car has new, sharper styling and Peugeot's latest efficient engines and touchscreen connectivity. On the outside, there is an imposing new vertical grille and LED daytime running lights. Inside, Peugeot's i-Cockpit includes a 9.7-inch touchscreen, equipped with 3D satnav and new graphics. The new car builds on the EuroNCAP five-star rating its predecessor achieved with enhanced safety tech to bring it in line with its widely-admired 3008 SUV.

The new car looks great. Sharp, stylish and imposing, it will appeal to parents who are happy with family life but haven't totally forgotten what it's like to have fun behind the wheel. New elliptical headlamps come with integral LED daytime running lights while the rear lights have a distinctive three-claw shape.

Short front and rear overhangs make the car very maneuverable and contribute to excellent road-holding ability.

Allure, GT Line and GT models feature a large glass roof as standard. Comfort levels are fine inside and everything is of a nice



The i-Cockpit looks great

quality – there is plenty of room for mum, dad and the kids, although some rivals do offer more space.

Inside the car, not too much has changed over the previous incarnation, with the cabin plush and comfortable. As we've mentioned, the i-Cockpit looks great and adds a sporty feel to a family car but might not be wholly visible through the steering wheel for drivers of certain heights and builds.

The materials used are of high quality, giving the car a welcome, premium feel.

But practicality is key for family buyers of course and the estate features the largest load space in its class (660 litres with the parcel shelf in place; a whopping 1,775 litres with the rear seats folded and the parcel shelf removed).

We had the chance to take the 308 GT on a spin along Germany's fast-paced autobahns, and around the twisty mountain roads on the Germany/Austria border, not far from Salzburg.



The latest Peugeot 308 will appeal to parents who are happy with family life but still want fun behind the wheel

It coped with everything we threw at it and provided a genuinely enjoyable and absorbing drive.

The i-Cockpit infotainment system works well, while the gearbox is taut and quick and you feel in complete control as you enjoy the drive, try to admire the view from time to time, and dodge the many cyclists and hikers enjoying the scenery.

The Peugeot 308 has seen price reductions

of, on average, £650 compared to equivalent models in the outgoing range. In some cases, savings of more than £1,000 can be made. This is a nod perhaps to the fact that the first incarnation of the car hasn't sold as well as hoped in the UK and Peugeot is looking to make up ground on key rivals.

Spec levels are generous, and connectivity is king with the new 308. Safety is to the fore, too, with a range of advanced driver

assistance systems such as distance alert and intelligent emergency braking assistance.

Who would buy one? Families, families and more families... at least that's what Peugeot is hoping. Professional people who want something a bit different style-wise but can easily communicate on the move will also be drawn in, no doubt, and the GT and GTi models will appeal to younger drivers too (and people who are young at heart).



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Saloon lap record broken by special Subaru WRX STI

Subaru has set an astonishing sub-seven-minute Nurburgring lap time in a heavily modified version of the WRX STI, setting a four-door saloon lap record in the process.

The time of 6m 57.5s was set using a Subaru WRX STI Type RA NBR Special, which has previously recorded impressive lap times on the Isle of Man TT course, as well as coming third overall in this year's Goodwood Festival of Speed hill climb.

The model is based on the Japanese car manufacturer's WRX STI performance saloon, but bears little resemblance to the car that can be bought at dealerships.

Race and rally specialist Prodrive overhauled the car, fitting a World Rally Championship-spec version of the standard car's 2.0-litre engine. It has an output of around 600bhp and an estimated top speed of 179mph.

Other modifications include nine-inch-wide slick tyres for extra grip and a WRC gearbox that can change gears in 20 milliseconds.

The exterior of the car has also been reworked thanks to a high-downforce aerodynamics package. This improves handling by forcing the car into the road as the air flows over it, and features an F1-inspired drag reduction system in the rear wing to improve top speed.

The WRX STI nameplate has a



Scooby screams around Nurburgring in record-breaking time

long history with performance Subarus, born out of the company's iconic rally efforts with the Impreza in the '90s. WRX stands for World Rally eXperimental and references road car technology inspired by rallying such as the all-wheel-drive

system, while STI means Subaru Tecnica International, the company's motorsport division.

Subaru ditched the Impreza badge for its performance saloon with the latest generation, which is a standalone WRX STI model.

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By Ian Donaldson

A COUPLE of miles into the test drive I realised the car was humming quietly along the main road – in fourth gear.

If ever you needed a demonstration that the new Fiesta has matured into an even more serious player here it was, with two gears left to go.

At a stroke the best selling car in the UK for the last eight years has turned from cheeky chappie (but loads of fun) into a car that feels bigger and softer and not quite so keen to have a laugh with you.

That certainly applies to the likely biggest seller in the new range, the Zetec trim version with its 100 horsepower engine and – crucially – new six-speed gearbox instead of the previous five.

There's a more sporty tied-down ST-Line Fiesta due in the autumn which early signs say has fun factor 50 but it's going to be a relatively small seller, thoroughly outgunned by less expensive versions – and with the Zetec taking more than half the total sales.

So it's good that the Zetec – second up in a Fiesta pecking order stretching from 70 horsepower petrol £12,715 Style to 120 horsepower diesel £21,225 Vignale – is such an instant charmer.

More so on the inside than out, you'd have to say. The exterior of the latest Fiesta has grown very modestly (70mm longer, 13mm wider but 20mm lower) and is completely restyled, although you might never guess.

That's as fine a compliment to the outgoing model as you could pay; don't mess with a look that's won thousands of sales. Doesn't do VW any harm with succeeding generations of Golfs, does it?

The result is a car with space to spare in the front – and a near perfect driving position – but just enough room in the rear for a couple of adults and a boot big enough for a family's supermarket shop but less generous than some of the competition.

Inside is where the attention needed to be paid, with the old car's dashboard looking increasingly like a relic from the past, littered with meanly sized displays and an excess of tiny buttons. All gone! Replaced in the modern minimalist fashion by a big iPad-like touchscreen that looks smart but doesn't have a lot to say for itself without a satellite navigation map on display (sat nav is standard on some dearer cars, a £300 option on others).

There's more soft touch plastic than previously, lending a gently more upmarket feel to proceedings. With the posh Vignale version you will enjoy the heated leather seats and steering wheel that a mere Zetec trim car can only dream about.

If the all-change interior is much needed step up, the engine choice is mostly as before, which is no bad thing if you enjoy the willing thrum of a three-cylinder petrol unit. Gone is the old and mildly asthmatic 1.25 litre engine, with most new Fiestas using versions of the established 1.0 litre three-cylinder unit in differing outputs – 100/125/140 horsepower and with CO2 readings from as low as 97g/km.

The old 1.5 litre diesel engine remains, in two power outputs (85/120 horsepower, from 82g/km), but will take less than one in ten sales.

The new six-speed manual gearbox will feature in the bulk of new Fiestas, which will have five doors too. Ford is sticking with a



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three-door option in a market increasingly ditching this choice on the grounds that not enough buyers bother these days to make it worthwhile.

The on-paper list price of most cars in an irrelevance these days and that's absolutely the case with the Fiesta, where 85 per cent of private buyers will opt for a personal contract plan (PCP) that provides a Zetec-spec car from £116 a month over three years and

with a £5,000 deposit. That's an increase of £15 a month over the outgoing and a drive in the new one makes that look a sensible investment.

Tweaks to the suspension and clearly a lot of work on soundproofing have changed the Fiesta into a car that quietly soaks up bad British road surfaces, only objecting a little to the biggest bumps, and turning into corners with most of the eagerness of old.

Even with fourth gear standing in for sixth some of the time (blame that newfound quietness) the test drive showed 46mpg in a 100 horsepower version, which never felt underpowered.

If a tiny bit of the puppy dog spirit has gone you have to reckon the payback in refined progress is going to be welcomed by the majority of owners. And there are quicker, firmer ones on the way soon, don't forget.

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Kia puts more punch in new Picanto

By James Baggott

You may think the Kia Picanto is the car most likely to be driven by your granny, and you'd be right. But now the manufacturer is looking to ditch that blue-rinse image and target a younger age group with its suitably spiced-up city car.

Designed to attract youthful buyers, the refreshed model teams sporty looks with a more focused driving style to woo young professionals to part with their cash. But are the tweaks enough?

Well, there's no doubt Kia has worked hard to live things up. There's an extended 'tiger nose' grille, the likes of which we've seen spread across the maker's range, smart LED driving lights and a large air intake at the front.

Sportiness

Double wheel arches add some flair at the sides, while a 'shark' antenna – which initially made an appearance on BMWs – has filtered down to the city car segment for the first time. What's more, for added sportiness, the GT-Line specification gets some random red trim – because nothing says sporty like added red inserts – and a twin-tipped exhaust.

Kia even went as far as describing the new design as 'sexy' in their launch presentation. Perhaps our definition of sexy is slightly at odds with Kia's, but we get what they're trying to achieve. Sort of.

The Picanto is Kia's second best-selling model in the UK after the Sportage, so the third generation model has a huge weight on its shoulders to perform.

As it's predominantly bought as a second



Picanto has sharpened up its looks

car by more mature buyers, Kia thinks the new tech – such as wireless charging for your mobile, parking camera and Apple CarPlay – will tempt younger, first-time car buyers.

At just 3.6 metres Kia has managed to eke out a little more cabin space by increasing the wheelbase and reducing the front overhang. Up front you'll sit shoulder to shoulder with your passenger, but there's ample leg room and the driving position's comfortable.

Autonomous emergency braking – which warns then stops you if it senses a crash – as well as a smart torque vectoring system that improves handling by braking individual wheels are also available.

Three engine options are offered – a 1.0-litre, 67bhp, 89g/km, three-cylinder; a 1.2-litre, 84bhp, 104g/km four-cylinder, and a 1.0-litre turbocharged, 100bhp version of the three-cylinder.

Our pick – but only just – would be the



There's an extended 'tiger nose' grille on the updated car

1.2-litre, which hits 60mph in 12 seconds, tops out at 107mph and returns 61.4mpg. It's mildly spicier than the entry-level option and just a tad more fun.

Manual and automatic options are available across the range.

It's behind the wheel where the Picanto will divide opinion. Older buyers looking for a relaxed and comfortable ride will notice the improved suspension and the capable way it deals with nasty, pot-holed road surfaces.

However, the sprightly engines, quicker turn in and faster steering may make them feel a little too hurried behind the wheel. It's these very characters that Kia is hoping younger buyers will appreciate.

Overall, there's a noticeable improvement in both ride and handling, largely thanks to reduced weight and stiffer body, but whether that's suitable for you will depend on your driving style.

There's no doubt the improvements Kia has

made to the third-generation Picanto have sharpened up its looks and driving dynamics. In titanium silver or shiny red it's striking to look at too and will likely attract those younger buyers who demand cool technology, such as Apple CarPlay.

However, whether these tweaks come at the expense of putting off the stalwart Picanto buyer – buyers who'd sooner learn Russian than work out what on earth torque vectoring is – remains to be seen.

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Reliability counts for more than good looks

Perfect family driving mile after mile in this Suzuki

By Andy Richardson

When the SX4 S Cross was being created, the design team presumably took a dozen or more families to one side, plied them with bottles of continental lager and said this: "Draw up a wishlist. Tell us everything you'd like to find in a decent, spacious family car."

And the guys with the continental lager went away and came up with a really, really, really long list.

It would have said things like: cruise control, the option to flit between automatic and manual, paddle controls on the steering wheel if you want to change gear so you haven't got to bother with a clutch – God, clutches are so 1972 – a radar warning system that slows things down if you approach the traffic ahead too quickly, heated seats with options for super warm and merely snugly. There'd be an integrated, digital entertainment console with DAB, USB, SatNav, Bluetooth and touch screen controls as well as smart buttons on the steering column.

And then, while they were getting in another round of continental lager and ordering burgers in brioche buns with extra pickle, they'd ask for three different drive modes – a regular, around-town-or-on-the-motorway mode, a sports mode for when you need to put your foot down and make the engine roar and then a snow/



There's plenty of storage in the boot

mud 4x4 mode for off-road fun days. There'd be basic comforts, plenty of storage in a split-level boot, the ability for the driver to disable rear window controls in case the kids are getting restless and lowering the windows on the motorway and then there'd be a humungous sun roof that covered both driver and passenger in the front and the kids in the back. Oh, and before they polish off the last of their beers, they'd ask for shiny black alloy wheels, rear privacy glass, LED lights, knee bags as well as airbags, just in case anything ever went wrong.

The guys in the bar would smile a satisfied smile, hand in their lists and present them to Suzuki Design Co.

At that point, most self-respecting car manufacturers would look at the list, mutter something like 'are you joking, that'll cost a fortune' before ignoring the focus group's wish list and coming up with suggestions that are far more utilitarian and, frankly, not as damned expensive.

And yet the team behind the SX4 S Cross have done something remarkable. They've packed so much new technology into their car that it's difficult to know whether you should drive it or programme it. It's intuitive and responsive, it's light on its feet, the stereo pounds like Friday night in Da Klub.

For sure, the SX4 S Cross isn't the sexiest looking car on the market – neither inside nor out. It's a little clunky and a bit plastic-ey. It's a little bit boy-or-girl-next-door, rather than Hollywood Swoon Biscuit. But Hollywood Swoon Biscuit can be notoriously fickle while him-or-her-next-door is reliable, tried-and-trusted and avoids excess.

And when it comes to good family cars, reliability wins out every time.

The SX4 S Cross drives beautifully. Suzuki's new Boosterjet technology packs plenty of torque into its ramped up 1.4 litre petrol engine while also providing better fuel economy than the 1.6 litre engine. Which is pretty clever, really.

It's sturdy and robust, a genuine Scrum Half of a car that's not going to get buffeted about on windy motorways and remains rigid and upright while off-roading.

Sporty and dynamic, the SX4 S Cross combines stylish, city-orientated designs with genuine off-road capability.

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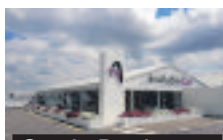
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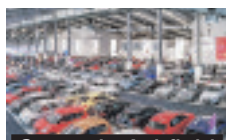
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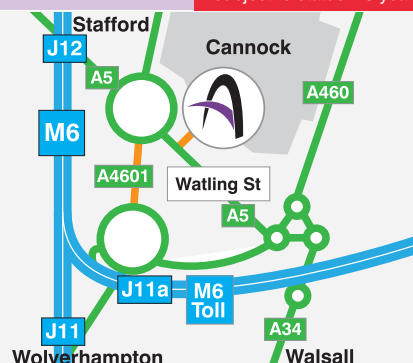


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To infinity and far beyond

By Andy Richardson

"Who made this car?"

A couple of fellas were walking through the park. They'd approached Infiniti Q50 – aka The Beast – slowly, like hunters stalking deer. They'd marvelled at its admirable grill, discreetly wondering whether they might smash open their pension pots and blow them on the sleek, black, Panther-esque lines.

And then they'd walked along its flanks, surreptitiously steeling a glance of the elongated bodywork, like men stealing a glance of the prettiest girl at the bar. When they reached the bumper, they stopped, pretending their dog had found something interesting in the grass, but all the while training their eyes on The Beast's ample booty.

"Who made it?" they asked, when I appeared from the driver's side. I wanted to say 'a robot in Sunderland', but that would have seemed churlish. So I said Nissan. Nissan? Get that. The company that used to make the Datsun Cherry.

They did a double take, imagining I'd got it wrong and that The Beast was, in fact, by a German or American manufacturer. But, no, Nissan it was. The Japanese automotive manufacturer has a luxury brand – in much the same way that Lexus and Toyota are bound at the hip. And it competes with German

rivals from BMW and Mercedes Benz in the luxury end of the market.

The curves certainly look Germanic. Sleek and confident, they make an instant impression. And the things that go on under the bonnet are equally enjoyable, making the Q50 a dream.

It's a car that fits into the UK's lucrative prestige saloon market, alongside the Audi A4, BMW 3-series and Mercedes C-class. It's fun to drive – slip it into Sport+ and it shoots out of the traces like an underfed greyhound chasing an overfed hare.

The rev counter rises faster than a rocket on Bonfire Night as it tears up the road, chewing tarmac like Augustus Gloop with a chocolate bar – or, more accurately, hitting 0-60 in 5.1 seconds.

Knock it down to Eco, to save both polar bears and the time spent at the filling station, and it still offers knock-your-socks-off acceleration while offering decent economy at 42.2 mpg. Happy Days; Q50 is a fast car with a 3-litre engine that doesn't melt the Larsen C Ice Shelf into hundreds of tiny icebergs.

The technology is responsive and puts the fun into long journeys. A multimedia pack offers an Infiniti navigation system with traffic information and DAB. Bluetooth, a voice recognition system and a visibility pack that offers something smart called



The curves make the car sleek and confident

Around View Monitor – with moving object detection and parking guidance – makes it feel as though there's a co-pilot looking out for you on every mile of the road.

The infotainment package provides similar levels of luxury, with Bluetooth audio streaming, a BOSE Premium audio system, 14-speaker sound system, Active Noise Control and the normal USB/iPod connectivity, with an additional AUX-in RCA.

Safety and security were top of the list when the boffins at Q50

HQ were designing their dirty black beast of a car. Opposed calliper sport brakes provide reassuring security while the A50 is fitted with six airbags, a hill start assist, an inbuilt tyre pressure monitoring system, auto dimming rear view mirror and vehicle security system with engine immobiliser. Then there's a blind spot warning system, lane departure prevention, predictive forward collision warning and distance control assistance.

All of which makes the Infiniti Q50 an empowering drive that

combines power with precision, subtlety with style, comfort with out-and-out grunt. With supermodel looks and Silicon Valley-esque technology, it's a power-punching all-rounder that dukes it out with its more illustrious peers in a reasonably prestigious category.

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of the best, God bless you our
kid, you will be sadly missed.Your loving Brother Les.
X X XCLAYTON
DoreenFormer Nursing Sister of
Littleton, West Cannock Fives
and Lea Hall Collieries.Passed away on July 22, 2017,
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Kathleen

(Kath)

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you home again.

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J

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and Family.

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(Mike)

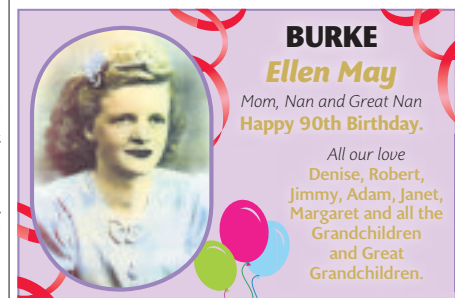
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Great Saredon Road in Great Saredon from its junction with Saredon Road to its access to Breedon Cannock Concrete Quarry unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes.

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The order will come into operation on 21 August 2017 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date taking place daily between the hours of 19:00 and 07:00. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 11 September 2017.

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A5190 CANNOCK ROAD, B4154 NORTON ROAD, B4154 HEDNESFORD ROAD, WIMBLEBURY ROAD, CANNOCK

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A5190 Cannock Road - From its junction with Newlands Court in a generally easterly direction for a distance of approximately 220 metres.

B4154 Norton Road - From its junction with A5190 Cannock Road in a generally southerly direction for a distance of approximately 50 metres.

B4154 Hednesford Road - From its junction with A5190 Cannock Road in a generally north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 30 metres.

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Unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

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The order will come into operation on 21st August 2017 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date, taking place between the hours of 19.30 and 06.00. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 30th August 2017.

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The order will come into operation on 20th August 2017 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to the following dates and times:

Sunday 20th August - Monday 21st August 2017 - Between the hours of 19:30 and 06:00.
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It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 28th August 2017.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a) THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (BROWNHILLS TO MUCKLEY CORNER) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Highways England Company Limited (Company No. 9346363) has made an order on the A5 Trunk Road in the County of Staffordshire, to allow drainage, CCTV, electrical survey and trial pits to locate statutory apparatus works to be carried out.

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- (2) any laybys situated adjacent to the lengths of the A5 described in (1) above; and
- (3) prohibit vehicles from entering or leaving the lengths of the A5 trunk road described in (1) above at its junction with any side road.

The work will be carried out overnight between 19:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 7 August 2017 and continue for four nights. The layby closures will be in operation from 00:01 hours on 7 August 2017 for the duration of the work. The Order will come into force on Friday 4 August 2017.

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Sykes back on track after Welsh success

STOURBRIDGE rally driver Richard Sykes heads into the Tyneside stages of British Rally Championship this weekend on the back of two successful days on the Nicky Grist Stages event in Wales.

Sykes finished first two wheel drive car on the first day and second on day two in his Batham's Brewery, G I Sykes Ltd, The Body Clinic, Staniland Marina and Summit Platforms-supported Citroën DS3 R3.

Sykes has had a relatively quiet year so far with his season not starting until the Somerset Stages in April. He was leading the "Silver Star" category for two wheel drive cars until he hit a rock which holed the radiator, forcing him into retirement. He had better luck on the Carlisle Stages in Cumbria, finishing joint first and only losing maximum points on a tie-break due to the other driver being quicker on the opening stage.

Next up is the Tyneside Stages which held on the Otterburn ranges in Northumberland on Sunday followed by an event at Donington Park and then two more Silver Star rallies, the Woodpecker and Trackrod Stages.

Gazza returns to the region for Q&A night

PAUL Gascoigne is set to return to the West Midlands later next month for a live question and answer session.

The former England star will take the stage at The H Suite in Birmingham on September 15 to tell the story of the highs and lows of his football career and beyond.

It marks Gazza's first appearance on stage in the region since his infamous 2015 show at Wolverhampton Civic Hall, which resulted in a court appearance after he admitted making a racist comment to a security guard.

The event, which is being put on by Wolverhampton-based promoters Showfighter UK, also offers meet and greet opportunities with Gazza and features a meal and a memorabilia auction.

Showfighter UK director Andy Sahota said: "Our Three Lions-themed evening will be a celebration of one of England's most iconic footballers."

Further details and tickets are available at www.showfighter.co.uk/events

Rutter is back on superbikes podium

BRIERLEY Hill-born Michael Rutter returned to the circuits after another successful stint on the roads in Finland to secure two more podiums in the National Superstock 1000 Championship.

The 45-year-old rider claimed two seconds and a fourth on the Bathams/SMT Racing BMW at Brands Hatch. It means Danny Buchan still leads the championship from Richard Cooper with Rutter maintaining third place, 13.5 points clear of Chrissy Rouse.

Meanwhile, Kurt Wigley, 21, from Hednesford, brought his Sorrymate.com Yamaha home in 11th and 12th places in the British Supersport series to sit 15th in the championship.

Twin brother Matt, had an operation last week to cement his crushed vertebrae following a bad crash in the National Superstock 1000 class and is on the mend – and says he is 'looking forward to returning'.

The British Superbike support classes now head to Thruxton, in Hampshire, for round seven this weekend, from tomorrow (Friday) to Sunday.



Wolverhampton Cricket Club captain James Hammond



The impressive new net facility at Danescourt

Pushing the boundaries to get city into cricket

SPORTING FEATURE

By Tim Spiers

IT may be a well-worn cliché but in this case it's certainly apt – James Hammond wants to put Wolverhampton cricket on the map.

The sport may trail behind football, speedway and boxing for the city's affections. But Hammond, captain of Wolverhampton Cricket Club, believes the interest is there – and he's keen for his club to exploit it.

A £60,000 makeover of the club's Danescourt Road ground in Tettenhall will certainly help. The picturesque ground boasts new nets and covers, of county cricket standard, for the players, while fans can watch the action from a charming decking area.

You might even find yourself sitting next to former England captain Ted Dexter who, aged 82, has recently moved to Wolverhampton from his home in France to be nearer to his family and has become a club member.

Next up, Hammond hopes, will be positive results on the pitch. A run to the quarter-finals of the National Knockout has helped create a buzz around Danescourt as the current side bid to emulate the legendary Wolverhampton sides of 1973 and 1999 who lifted club cricket's most prestigious trophy on never-to-be-forgotten days at Lord's.

Wolverhampton beat The Mote from Kent in their first appearance at the home of cricket and then overcame Middlesex outfit Teddington in 1999.

A home tie with Ockbrook & Borrowash now awaits on August 6 and Hammond, who bagged five wickets in the last 16 victory over Bootle, is hoping it will capture the attention of the city's cricket fans. "We just need to get more people to come



Ted Dexter at Wolverhampton Cricket Club

and watch us now," he said. "Results will help, people want to see a winning side."

"The new facilities are excellent. With the covers, we'd have eight or nine games called off per season before, but now it's three or four."

"There's so much space here and we've got the capacity for another 100, 200, 300 people."

"We've got to create that buzz, especially on social media and things like that which we're trying to push and promote more."

While 62-times-capped legend Dexter is a very welcome addition to the Wolverhampton ranks, it's

future legends that the club wants to produce more than anything.

That said, they've helped nurture their fair share of county players in recent years, as 25-year-old Hammond is keen to point out. "We've got Ted here through connections, which is great," he added. "Dave Lycett and Chris Bowyer have done a great job fundraising and promoting the club on the social side of things, holding a lot of things in the winter as you need to create that revenue for 12 months."

"To have Ted here is lovely. Wine and cheese nights – not many clubs will be doing that! It can only help boost our exposure."

"We've also got, hopefully, a few future legends. We've had a lot of pros who've come through the ranks – I can't name other clubs who've produced the number of first class cricketers that we have."

In the last 15 or 20 years the likes of current Worcestershire player Tom Fell and Vikram Solanki, who also played for the county and represented England, have played through the age groups to adult cricket at Wolverhampton.

Toughest

Aneesh Kapil and Chris Russell, two more former Worcestershire players, have also played for the club.

In the most urban of cities, situated in the football hotbed that is the Black Country, it can be hard for local cricket to get the exposure it deserves.

Hammond believes more competitions between local clubs could help attract interest – and maybe see Wolverhampton Cricket Club competing with Wolves, or Wolverhampton Speedway, for the city spotlight.

"It's not just us, there are so many good small clubs in the area," he said. "We should bring those games back because we don't play half the sides anymore."

"We might play Himley occasionally but we don't play Fordhouses, Penn, Wightwick & Finchfield or Codsall as much as we should. There's the Black Country T20 week but a cup organised with more local teams would be good."

"You associate Wolverhampton with football, speedway and maybe boxing, but the interest in cricket is up there."

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Hawks a step away from national final

C&R Hawks have qualified for the regional final of the NatWest Club T20 competition.

They will play Wanstead & Snarebrook of the Essex Premier League on August 13 at 1pm at a Birmingham League ground to be announced.

In the first semi-final of the area final, played at Bromsgrove CC, Hawks convincingly defeated Rothley Park, piling up 180-9 from their 20 overs, then restricting the Leicestershire Premier League side to 151-7.

They met Home Counties side Henley, victors over Finedon Dolben, from Northamptonshire, in the final.

Hawks, batting first, reached 144-8 but held their nerve, restricting Henley to 133-8. It means Hawks are one step away from becoming the first Birmingham League club to qualify for the national final which will be held at the County Ground, Derby on September 11, with highlights shown on Sky Sports.

In their latest division two clash, Valeed But scored 81 off 100 balls to help C&R Hawks to a comfortable win at Old Hill. Butt knocked six sixes and six fours, and with support from Kabir Ali (57) as Hawks were all out for 202.

In reply, Johar Ahmed claimed 4-31 in nine overs to skittle out Old Hill for just 78 and a 124-run win for Hawks.

Penkridge enjoyed an eight-wicket win over Harborne to climb out of the bottom two.

Openers Mohammed Ishtiaq and Laeq Chishty combined for 164 as the hosts lost just two wickets to hunt down 190.

O'Connor the big hitter as his side win by four runs

BIG-HITTING Aussie Lachlan O'Connor scored 62 off 34 balls as Whittington held on to beat Beacon by four runs in the Staffs Clubs Premier Division.

O'Connor struck seven sixes and two fours in Whittington's 321-8.

Beacon had contributions from James Fildes (44 off 56), Daniel Green (80 off 80), Oliver Green (41 off 25), Christopher Townsend (40 off 65) and Leigh Passmore (43 off 29).

The latter was the ninth man out at 316 after a 40-run stand with Matthew Cartwright, but he was out just one run later and Beacon fell short at 317.

Leaders Pelsall defeated Hammerwich by six wickets. Todd Henderson took three wickets as Hammerwich went for 160, Ben Traat with 69. Henderson ended 89 not out as Pelsall closed on 161-4. Rugeley dismissed Swindon for 227 to win by 61 runs after amassing 288-8.

Skipper Ben Beck scored 43 of Armitage's 133 in division three. Despite Beck's 3-42, Tamworth 3rds won by three wickets. Burntwood St Matthews could only muster 27 against Wolverhampton 3rds who won by seven wickets.

Teenager Chloe wins first Welsh cap



Chloe (No. 17) with her team-mates

A CANNOCK teenager has earned her first international cap – for Wales.

Chloe Williams was born in Wales, but moved to Cannock as a youngster and has dual nationality.

At the age of seven she joined Wyrley Football Club, switching to Burntwood Phoenix then Wolverhampton Wanderers and later onto West Bromwich Albion Centre of excellence. She moved back to Wolves where she has just signed a contract with the under 18s. Wolves coaches nominated

her for the Welsh national squad and she was selected for an under-19s friendly game in Northern Ireland.

Former Chase High School pupil Chloe, who starts at Walsall College on a sports diploma course in September, made the starting XI in Ballymena, wearing the number 17 shirt. The game was screened live on BBC.

Although the hosts won 4-0, mother Michelle said: "This is a very proud moment for everyone that knows Chloe."



Chloe Williams

STAR BOWLERS END FIGHTBACK

Cannock 1sts (144 all out) beat Penn (108 all out) by 36 runs

A HOME victory over Penn saw Cannock leapfrog their opponents to go second in the Staffs Club Premier division.

Batting first in difficult conditions, Cannock were all out for 144 with Ryan Elliott (41) and Connor Shingler (31) the top scorers.

Ravi Ranna was the pick of the Penn bowling attack taking 4-24. When it was Penn's turn to bat, the regular fall of wickets saw them all out for 108 with only Vikal Lal (39no) showing any resistance. The stars of Cannock's bowling were Elliot (3-20) and Shingler (3-24) capping off fine all-round displays from both of them.

Cannock 2nds (120 all out) lost to Penn 2nds (124-6) by four wickets

Cannock travelled to Penn and, batting first, scored 120 all out with Ryan Peach top scoring with 26no. Nick Bell was the only other Cannock batsman to pass 20 and was last man out for 21.

Chasing a small target, Penn were always in control and ran out winners by four wickets with four overs to spare, Mana Malik top scoring with 53. For Cannock, John Cooke was the pick of the bowling with 2-12 from his 10 overs.

Cannock 3rds (200 all out) drew with Rushall 2nds (154-7)

Cannock's recent good run of form continued with a winning draw away to Rushall. Cannock's total of 200 was reached thanks to an excellent 87 from Martin Davies and a healthy number of extras. Rushall were always behind the run rate and when they tried to accelerate, Matt Osborne's 4-42 kept them in check as the innings closed 46 short of the target.

Cannock 4ths (32-3) beat Armitage 2nds (28 all out) by seven wickets

Cannock's winning run continued with a comfortable home victory over Armitage.

Bowling first Aaron Wilkes (6-21) and Harry Tooth (3-4) proved too much for the Armitage batsmen as they were bowled out for 28. Despite losing three wickets, Cannock reached their target with ease, Ben Lockley top scoring with 13.

Rose roars to podium place



Kim Rose secured another podium finish Picture: Steve Snelling

MALLORY Park proved to be a tricky circuit to master as the East Midlands Racing Association series returned to action. But Cannock rider Kim Rose still managed to secure a podium.

Taking part in the 125GP class, Rose, aged 29, finished third in the opener and was left ruing what might have been after engine issues almost ended her second race prematurely. She

qualified seventh on grid for the first race and fought her way through to third on the podium, securing fourth on grid for the next contest.

"By the afternoon the track had dried up and, I had trouble again with bike bogging down on me temperature," she said. "It was running too rich so had to bring it home safe to ensure it didn't seize up. I managed to finish that race but ended up sixth."

Pitmen on form to see off Pilgrims

HEDNESFORD Town resoundingly swept aside National League North opposition Boston United in their latest pre-season fixture.

The Pitmen went ahead in the 32nd minute when Jordan Nadat turned to work himself into a shooting position before finding the bottom corner.

Neil Tooth's side doubled their lead in the 55th minute when Lee Smith rose highest to head home Kris Taylor's corner. An impressive afternoon for Hednesford was completed in the 75th minute when Alex Melbourne found James Lawrie who finished sublimely into the top corner of the net.

Left-back Matt Martin and central midfielder Stephen Palmer have joined the Pitmen and were in the squad for Tuesday night's game at Chasetown. They join fellow new boys Sam Oji and Jordan Wheatley. Hednesford visit Merthyr on Saturday.

David Haworth netted a first half hat-trick for Sutton as Chasetown went down 3-2 in their latest warm-up game.

Muzzy Nduna and Jimmy were the Scholars scorers.

Days earlier, Mitch Candlin had notched a treble, with Tobias Hayles-Docherty and Cody Fisher also on target as a Walsall XI beat Chasetown 5-1, Chris Baker with the Scholars' goal.

Heath Hayes lost 4-1 at West Midlands Division One side Shenstone Pathfinder and were entertaining Evo-Stik League side Romulus in their last pre-season friendly on Tuesday.

Pupils in spotlight at Saddlers match

CHASE students enjoyed a night as ball girls and boys at Walsall's Banks's Stadium last week.

Youngsters from Redhill Primary in Cannock and Chase View Primary, Rugeley, were led out by Shaun Sutcliffe for the pre-season friendly against West Bromwich Albion. The Baggies won 2-1 with a strong team in front of a crowd of almost 5,000.

Sutcliffe and fellow Redhill pupil Arron Thomas were presented with personalised Walsall new season home shirts as recognition for the sporting achievements both boys have gained during their final school year.

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